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College to present honorary degrees at commencement

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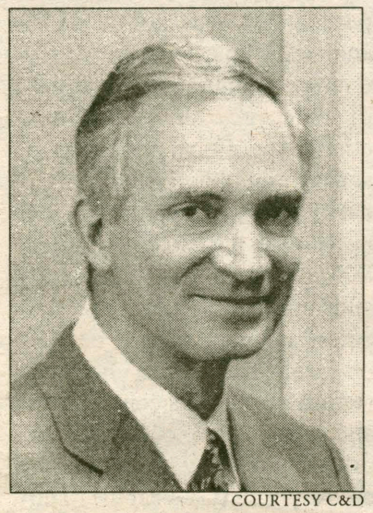
College trustee Kevin Kennedy '70, Graduate Theological Union Emerita Professor of Historical Theology Margaret Miles, playwright Richard Nelson '72 and jazz musician Joseph Wilder will all receive honorary degrees from Hamilton College at the commencement ceremony, set to be held on Sunday, May 23.



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Kevin Kennedy '70

According to Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Meredith Harper Bonham, Hamilton awards honorary degrees as "an opportunity for the College to recognize special individuals."

Recipients can be awarded degrees in a variety of areas, Bonham stated, citing an Honorary Doctor of Laws, Humane Letters, Music and Science as examples.

The degree recipients were chosen by the Trustee Commit-

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Nearly 200 accepted students visit College for Open House

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Approximately 190 potential members of the Class of 2008 spent this past Tuesday and Wednesday attending classes, meeting with students and faculty and getting a small taste of life on the Hill. Of those who applied to enter Hamilton this fall, only 33% were accepted.

"The open house and the other activities available to accepted students serve the purpose of providing accepted students with opportunities to meet and talk to their prospective classmates and teachers," said Acting Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Lora Schilder.

Schilder also noted that the day allows high school students to "compare Hamilton, now that they know they've been accepted, with the other colleges they've been accepted to, and finally, to use all that they learn from those interactions to make an informed decision."

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Tours, such as this one, could be seen throughout campus all day Tuesday.

Upon their arrival at Hamilton, prospective students and their families were offered morning and early afternoon tours of the College. They

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Take Back the Night raises awareness of sexual assault

by Greta Rosenberger '07
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Despite the torrential downpour and lashing winds, an atmosphere of energy prevailed as a group of twenty Hamilton students marched from the library steps to the Phillip Spencer House, shouting chants that included "Women united will never be divided" and "What are we going to do? Take back the night!" This "candlelight walk," minus the candles on account of the weather, represented students' efforts to unify against sexual assault, and the Speak Out that followed was an additional attempt to raise awareness that members of the Hamilton community are survivors of sexual assault.

The night's activities, part of a nationwide movement called "Take Back the Night," were part of the ongoing events involved in Womyn's Week and were sponsored by The Womyn's Center, the Sexual Assault Center, VOX, and Kappa Sigma Alpha.

Once the crowd had entered the Great Room of the Phillip Spencer House, the high-energy mood changed quickly to a more somber one. The size of the crowd doubled as students slipped quietly into the room and gathered in a large circle.

Marjorie Kazin, student coordinator of the night's events, stood and welcomed the group, explaining that "the purpose of this Speak Out is to give survivors of sexual assault the chance to 'break the silence' in a supportive environment" and that this would be an open forum for anyone who had anything to say regarding sexual assault. For the next two hours, students shared their own personal experiences with assault, rape, and other forms of abuse, as well as their friends' stories.

Take Back the Night is not just a Hamilton College event. It began as an international rally and march organized in local communities with the purpose of unifying women, men, and children in an awareness of violence against women, children and families. The purpose of the event is to create an alliance between community and campus members who wish to take a stand against violence and make the night safe for everyone.

Take Back the Night rallies and marches began in England as a protest against the fear that women encountered walking the streets at night. The first Take Back the Night in the United States occurred in San Francisco in 1978. At Hamilton, positive student response has encouraged organizers to hold the event both in the fall and spring semesters.

Why have students been so appreciative of this event? Despite the efforts of several organizations at Hamilton to raise awareness that sexual assault occurs with certain frequency on campus, a large percentage of students remain ignorant that something like this could happen to them; however, when statistics on sexual assault from the Hill are reviewed, the necessity

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Rapoport to leave after two years

by Emma Furman '07
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At the end of this academic school year, Hamilton's Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Yaakov Rapoport will be leaving the College. The exact reasons for his departure are still unclear at this time, as is who his replacement will ultimately be.

Rapoport has had a lot of strong backing and support during his time at Hamilton; however, he has also been met with some opposition, largely due to his Orthodox beliefs. A fair amount of controversy subsequently erupted in Hamilton's community over his policies and beliefs.

According to Associate Professor of Mathematics Robert Kantrowitz, "Rabbi Rapoport was appointed [as Jewish chaplain] in 2002 based upon the report and recommendation of an ad hoc committee on Jewish leadership at Hamilton."

Kantrowitz chaired this committee, which also included members from many different parts of Hamilton's community.

"The college chaplain, dean of students, dean of admission and financial aid, the assistant to the vice president of academic affairs and dean of the faculty, and a student representative from Hillel's executive board" were all part of the committee as well, said Kantrowitz.

Hillel, according to their website, is a student-run group on campus whose mission "is to meet the social, educational and religious needs of the Jewish community at Hamilton College and to provide information to any member of the Hamilton College community who is interested in learning about Judaism."

According to Kantrowitz, Rapoport has made many positive changes since coming to the College, especially for Hamilton's Jewish community. Kantrowitz commented on the diversity that Rapoport encouraged: "Rabbi Rapoport brought a very unique and important type of diversity to our campus. He provided an opportunity for members of the community to gain exposure to a branch and interpretation of Judaism that is, in most cases, different from what they have been accustomed to."

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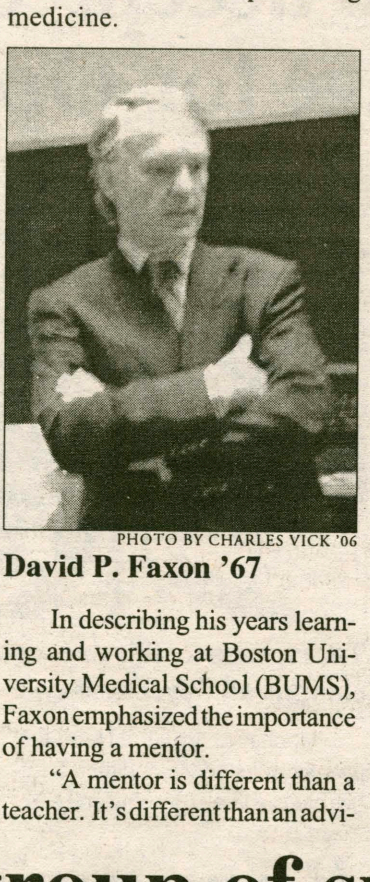
Faxon reveals history of cardiology through personal experience

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. David P. Faxon '67, Professor of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at the University of Chicago Hospital, addressed the technological advancements in the field of cardiology, specifically in the procedure of angioplasty, Tuesday evening in KJ Auditorium. The lecture, titled "The Impact of Technology in Cardiology: My Experiences with Angioplasty," was presented as the fourth installment of the 2004 Alpha Delta Phi Lecture Series.

Faxon began his impromptu remarks by recounting his own experience at Hamilton. He described the meaningful relationships he developed with members of the biology department and his fond memories as a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Describing his own professional background, Faxon expressed his love of his chosen field. "You're impacting their [patients'] lives – it's a wonderful, wonderful profession," he stated in reference to practicing medicine.



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David P. Faxon '67

In describing his years learning and working at Boston University Medical School (BUMS), Faxon emphasized the importance of having a mentor.

"A mentor is different than a teacher. It's different than an advisor. It's somebody who cares about you...They will understand what you tell them," he stated.

Faxon repeatedly referenced his own mentor, Dr. Tom Ryan of BUMS, as an important influence in pushing him towards cardiology.

Delving into a more scientific topic of discussion, Faxon began to address the development of cardiology by summarizing the history of heart disease in the United States. According to Faxon, heart disease was the leading killer of Americans in 1900, accounting for 12% of all deaths. Heart disease was followed by tuberculosis, stroke and cancer, he stated.

Today, however, Faxon asserted that 40% of all deaths in the United States are caused by heart disease. He cited age as having a major relationship with heart disease, stating that 80% of people over seventy-five years of age have some form of heart disease.

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GLBT sponors National Day of Silence at Hamilton

by Greta Rosenberger '07
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In an effort to publicly recognize the adversity faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) students and their allies, Hamilton students participated in the National Day of Silence on April 21. The event was sponsored by the Rainbow Alliance and the Womyn's Center and consisted of students taking a vow of silence for the whole day, or just a portion of it.

The significance of the enforced silence, says event coordinator Thomas Acampora '05, is to "represent the silence that GLBT students and their allies suffer on a daily basis because of their sexual preferences."

In addition to taking a vow of silence, students were invited to attend the 4 p.m. event titled "Breaking the Silence," where they had the option of sharing their personal experiences of facing oppression in an open forum environment.

Acampora stated, "There was a fairly large attendance– about thirty to forty people– and many opened up regarding their experiences. We also got into a few small discussions and debates. Most of us view the opposition that GLBT students face at Hamilton as a significant problem."

The Rainbow Alliance also handed out free t-shirts in Beinecke so that participating students could be identified, and an e-mail sent by Acampora to the Hamilton community gave a base statement that the students could use to express the reason for their silence.

The statement read, "Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and their allies. My deliberate silence echoes that silence, which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What are you going to do to end the silence?"

Acampora also specified that participants need not be GLBT students to participate. Everyone was encouraged, regardless of race, gender, class, sex, ethnicity, political affiliation, or sexual orientation. Additionally, participating students did not necessarily have to remain silent throughout the day. The extent and length of the silence participators maintained was entirely optional– they could choose to refrain from casual conversation and speak during class time, remain completely silent for the entire day, or just wear the t-shirt to symbolize their support of the event.

According to dayofsilence.org, this national movement was founded in 1996, and has since become the largest single student-led action towards creating a welcoming environment and safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. From the first-ever Day of Silence at the University of Virginia in 1996, to the organizing efforts in over 1,900 middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the country in 2002, its textured history reflects its diversity in both numbers and in reach.

Eclectic group of successful individuals to receive degrees

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tee on Honorary Degrees, which is composed of trustees, current students and faculty members.

According to the guidelines established by the Committee, honorary degrees may be awarded for "personal achievement in contributing to social progress or the advancement of knowledge or culture; or the public achievement in the service of government, business, an institution, or the community. In general, the candidate's contributions should reflect the principles and objectives for which the College stands. And in general the candidate should bring honor to the College, and the College should bring honor to the candidate."

The guidelines further state that recipients should display a wide range of qualities and that those with ties to Hamilton and the New York State area should be given preference.

A dinner for the honorary degree recipients will be held the Saturday evening before commencement in the Eells House, the former Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity House.

"The guest list includes family and friends of the degree recipients, the president and college officers, members of the Committee on Honorary Degrees, faculty members who are presenting the recipients, and trustees who may be on campus," Bonham said.

According to the College, Kennedy served as the chairman of Hamilton's board of trustees from 1994-2002, overseeing the implementation of both the 1995 Residential Life Decision and the 2000 Strategic Plan. He is currently a life trustee of Hamilton.

Professionally, Kennedy has worked for investment banking, securities and investment management firm Goldman Sachs & Co. since 1974. According to the College, he currently serves as a managing director and has headed the Human Capital Management Division for almost three years.

Prior to holding her current position at the Graduate Theological Union, Miles served as dean and vice president for academic affairs and as the Dillenberger Professor of Historical Theology, according to the College. She was also previously the Bussey Professor of Historical Theology and chair of the department at Harvard Divinity School. Miles is the author of numerous books, including the forthcoming *The Word Made Flesh: A History of Christian Thought*.

In addition to receiving an honorary degree, Miles will present Hamilton's baccalaureate address on Saturday, May 22.

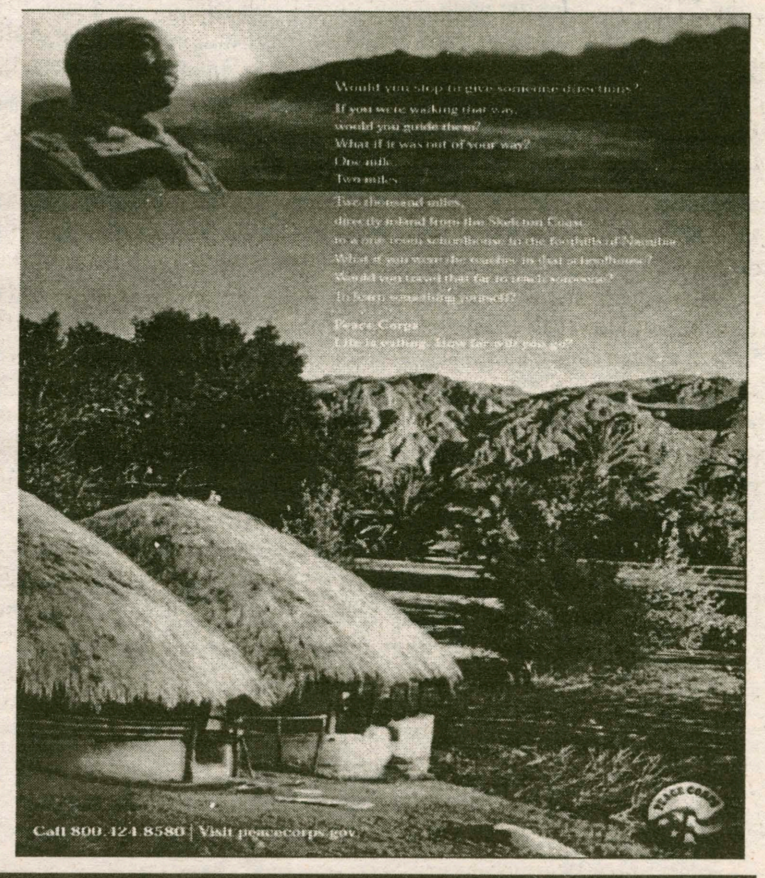
"The baccalaureate service is non-denominational and provides graduating seniors and their families an opportunity to reflect on their years at Hamilton and what is next. The speakers, who may or may not be religious, typically provide an address that is spiritual and/or ethical in nature," Bonham stated.

Nelson won a Tony Award for Best Book of a Musical for *James Joyce's The Dead* in 2000, according to the College. That musical was also given the Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, according to the College. Nelson is the recipient of numerous other awards, including an Olivier Award for Best Play for *Good Night Children Everywhere*; Obie Awards for *The Vienna Notes*; a Guggenheim Fellowsip in 1983; and a Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Writers Award.

Wilder, a ninety year-old jazz musician, has performed with jazz greats such as Erskine Hawkins, Dizzy Gillespie, Noble Sissle and Count Basie, according to the College. He has played in the orchestra pit for Broadway shows, as well as being a member of the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra.

According to Bonham, the College has a recent tradition of awarding honorary degrees to jazz musicians: Bucky Pizzarelli in 2003, Dick Hyman in 2002, Ralph Sutton in 2001, Kenny Davern in 2000 and Bobby Rosengarden in 1999.

Other than jazz artists, the College has recently awarded honorary degrees to President of Rensselear Polytechnic Institute Shirley Ann Jackson in 2003, writer of *Annie* and *The Producers* Tom Meehan '51 in 2002 and former NBA star and New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley in 1997.



IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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Newman Urges Princeton End Drinking Day

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Actor Paul Newman has appealed to Princeton University to end a campus tradition in which participants binge drink, trying to consume a beer an hour for 24 hours.

Newman's Day, set for Saturday the 24th, derives its name from an apocryphal quote attributed to the actor: "24 beers in a case, 24 hours in a day. Coincidence? I think not."

On Newman's Day, students have been known to show up for class inebriated or with beer poured into coffee mugs. Part of the event's challenge is to make it through classes.

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Last week, Leo Nevas, Newman's lawyer, sent the university a letter calling for the tradition to stop.

"Mr. Newman is disturbed by the use of his name in conjunction with this alcohol-related event, and he would like to bring an end to this tradition," the university's newspaper, The Daily Princetonian, quoted the letter in a story last Friday.

The university responded, explaining it does not sanction the event.

Since it falls on a Saturday this year, there was concern some students would also observe it Thursday, the week's last day of class for most students.

"The fear is that some will do it on both days. That's dangerous," J.W. Victor, a junior and president of the Interclub Council, which oversees the university's 11 eating clubs, told The New York Times.

The run-up to the event has university officials and the community urging moderation.

Campus religious groups placed two full-page ads in the campus newspaper, saying "Think about it. Pray about it."

The ads' creator, the Rev. Stephen L. White, Episcopal chaplain at the university, said the message isn't an opposition to drinking. "What we are opposed to is the way some people who engage in Newman's Day drinking degrade themselves."

Some students feel the administration is interfering.

"They try to do more than just make rules - which is good - but the perception among the student body is that they're trying to mess with the frats and the eating clubs," said junior Matt Margolin, a junior and president of the university's undergraduate student government.

University of Tennessee Names New President

(CNN)- John Petersen was chosen from 47 applicants after a long and expensive search aimed at avoiding the kind of scandals created by the school's last two presidents.

The new leader of the five-campus, 42,000-student system will have a base salary of $380,000.

Petersen, who is provost at the University of Connecticut, succeeds John Shumaker, who resigned in August after disclosures of lavish spending. Shumaker replaced J. Wade Gilley, who left in 2001 amid allegations of a relationship with a subordinate.

An Internet site was set up to list every candidate being considered, and finalists — 12 of whom were chosen at a public meeting — submitted to a series of interviews that were open and broadcast over the Web.

Even a search panel's deliberations and votes were public.

The search cost $252,000, making it the most expensive in the school's history.

Kermit Hall, the Utah State president, was second in the trustees' final vote. The third finalist was Jack O. Burns of the University of Colorado.

WORLD NEWS

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Report: N. Korea Crash Kills Up to 3,000

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Two fuel trains collided at a North Korean railroad station near the Chinese border Thursday, igniting a deafening explosion that rained debris for more than 10 miles around, South Korean media reported. One television channel said as many as 3,000 people might have been killed or injured.

The secretive communist government in Pyongyang declared an emergency while cutting off international telephone lines to prevent details of the crash from leaking out, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

The North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, had quietly passed by rail through the station as he returned from China before dawn some nine hours earlier. It was not clear what caused the crash, or if it was related to Kim's journey.

But a South Korean official, quoted on condition of anonymity by South Korea's all-news cable channel, YTN, said it appeared to be an accident.

The collision reportedly took place about 1 p.m. in Ryongchon, a town 12 miles from China. One train was carrying oil and the second had liquefied petroleum gas, media reported.

"The area around Ryongchon station has turned into ruins as if it were bombarded," Yonhap quoted witnesses as saying. "Debris from the explosion soared high into the sky and drifted to Sinuiju," a North Korean town on the border with China, it said.

Cuba Withdraws Guantanamo Resolution

GENEVA (AP) — Cuba avoided a showdown with the United States on Thursday by withdrawing a resolution from the top U.N. human rights body that called for an investigation into the treatment of prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The resolution alleged widespread abuses at Guantanamo, where few of the more 600 terrorism suspects being held by U.S. authorities have been charged with crimes or given access to lawyers.

But Cuban Ambassador Jorge Mora Godoy told the 53-nation commission he would not ask for a vote on the resolution because U.S. "threats and blackmail" had ensured its failure.

The United States, Mora Godoy alleged, had warned commission members with citizens being held at Guantanamo that voting for the resolution could lead American authorities to block the release or transfer of their nationals.

Among the commission members believed to have detainees in Guantanamo are Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt and Pakistan.

Britons Upset by Showing of Diana Photos

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's brother said Thursday he was "sickened" that the CBS had broadcast photos of the princess as she lay dying after a car accident - the first time a major media outlet has published pictures of the injured princess.

The British press expressed front-page outrage, while Prime Minister Tony Blair called the broadcast of the grainy black-and-white images "distasteful."

Wednesday's "48 Hours Investigates" briefly showed two pictures taken by paparazzi at the scene of the Aug, 31, 1997, accident in Paris. Diana died hours later. Her companion, Dodi Fayed, and chauffeur Henri Paul also were killed.

The network insisted the pictures - which showed an unconscious Diana being treated by a doctor as she lay slumped in the back of a car in the Alma road tunnel - were not graphic or exploitative.

The pictures were shown in context of an interview with the doctor who first treated Diana at the scene, and illustrated his comments about her condition at the time, CBS spokeswoman Sandra Genelius said.

She noted that the broadcast has not been seen outside the United States.

"We stand by the report," she said Thursday.

NATIONAL NEWS

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Bush Calls for Reversing Wetlands Losses

WELLS, Maine (AP) — Taking advantage of Earth Day, President Bush tried to improve his environmental image and fend off attacks from Democrat John Kerry with a promise to restore or protect as much as 3 million acres of wetlands in the next five years.

Bush said after touring a Maine nature reserve with his mother that the nation's wetlands are for the first time holding steady in the battle to stop their annual net loss.

"Instead of just limiting our losses, we will expand the wetlands of America," Bush said after highlighting efforts to help wetlands at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. The 1,600 acres of salt marshes, beaches, forests and freshwater wetlands are located a few miles from the Bush family's compound at Kennebunkport.

"For many years our nation has been working to prevent the net loss of wetlands and there is a reason why. America's wetlands are the habitat for thousands of species of wildlife," Bush said.

"Good conservation and good stewardship will happen when people say, 'We're just not going to rely on the government to be the solution to the problem,'" he said.

Ed Hopkins, a spokesman for the Sierra Club, said "this initiative pales in comparison with the damage the Bush administration is doing to wetlands" by not requiring more strenuous protections under the Clean Water Act.

In December, Bush abandoned a plan that could have further reduced wetlands protections by scaling back the law's coverage of isolated ponds and streams, many of them dry for part of the year.

Spice Substance May Fight Cystic Fibrosis

(AP)– Eating large doses of a substance found in the spice turmeric significantly cut deaths among mice with the genetic disease, and scientists soon will begin studying the effects in people.

But with the release of the Yale University research in Friday's edition of the journal Science, cystic fibrosis specialists are trying to spread the word that patients shouldn't self-medicate with the substance, called curcumin.

It would be hard to get very high curcumin doses from food, but it is sold as a dietary supplement. Among the concerns: No one yet knows if curcumin pills could interact dangerously with the myriad other medicines cystic fibrosis patients take.

Still, the findings are very promising, said Dr. Peter Mogayzel Jr., director of the Cystic Fibrosis Center at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital. "This is research that really has the potential, I think, to benefit patients down the road."

Cystic fibrosis afflicts about 30,000 American children and young adults. It attacks patients' lungs with a thick mucus, causing life-threatening infections. CF also harms digestion and vitamin absorption as the mucus clogs other organs.

Body of Missing Wellesley Student Found

WELLESLEY, Mass. (AP) -- A Wellesley College freshman missing since Monday was found dead Thursday in a wooded area behind a dormitory on the sprawling campus, officials said. They stressed there was no obvious sign of foul play.

KateLynn Palmer, a freshman from Chico, Calif., was last seen Monday afternoon by one of her roommates, school spokeswoman Mary Ann Hill said. The roommates reported her missing Wednesday.

"Our hearts and prayers are with her family and her friends," Hill said. "This is a tragic situation."

An autopsy was performed by the state medical examiner, but the manner and cause of death were still undetermined late Thursday, said Norfolk district attorney's office spokesman David Traub.

The body had no gunshot or stab wounds, or any indications of an assault; toxicology and other medical tests were being done, he said.

"At this point, we still don't have grounds to determine if there's foul play involved here. What we've collected thus far has not led us to make that kind of determination," Traub said.

Former American Heart Association president discusses medical technology

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"We are expecting...more heart disease than ever before all across the world," Faxon stated, claiming that in the future it will be the world's major epidemic.

Faxon outlined the history of cardiovascular medicine, from the first use of the x-ray in 1902, to the first time a catheter was inserted into the heart in 1939, to the present, where 700,000 angioplasties are performed per year in the United States, making it the most common medical procedure.

Although much of Faxon's remarks focused on the technological advancements in cardiology, he was adamant that the best way to address the problem of heart disease is to prevent it. He asserted that controllable factors, including high cholesterol, obesity, high blood pressure, cigarette smoking and physical inactivity, cause 50% of all heart disease and that genetics are responsible for the remaining half.

Faxon was also very supportive of the American Heart Association (AHA), an organization of which he is a former president. He praised the AHA as dealing with people on a grassroots level.

The event was presented informally by Faxon, who stated at the beginning that he had not prepared remarks and was instead going to speak to the audience about what they were interested in. Faxon's lecture ultimately took the form of a timeline of his lifelong experience with the development of angioplasty, an evolving story that closely parallels the medical development of the procedure.

In fielding audience questions, Faxon addressed the state of health services in the United States.

"We have a really broken health care system at almost every level," he stated, citing that hospitals are struggling to make ends meet while patients are forced to pay more; however, he expressed dismay with the chances of a political solution: "I'm a little concerned that the presidential candidates aren't proposing the sweeping changes that are needed."

Addressing a question about the possibility of regular practitioners performing operations such as angioplasty on economically disadvantaged patients, despite not having proper certification, Faxon stated that the specialty is well regulated.

Finally, Faxon spoke briefly about artificial hearts, an area he described as "still struggling," adding that, "what I think will be the savior is heart transplants."

In closing, Faxon again stressed that although important, technological advances are secondary to preventative measures: "The future lies in prevention," he said.

The Alpha Delta Phi Lecture Series is in its second year. The three previous speakers for this academic year were Gary Cohen, Assistant Professor of English Steven Yao and James S. Sherman Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner.

Candlelight walk, Speak Out provide supportive forum

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of the public activities involved in Take Back the Night becomes obvious.

According to a survey sponsored in August of 2001 by the Emerson Foundation, the Kirkland Endowment, and the Levitt Center, 13% of women at Hamilton have been raped at least once during their time on the Hill; another 4% have experienced attempted rape; and an additional 4% have had sex when they did not want to because of verbal pressure. In total, 21% of female respondents reported being the victim of some form of sexual assault. In comparison to a national survey performed by the National Institute of Justice in December 2001, Hamilton is about on par with the national average for rape on college campuses. This latter survey suggests that almost 5% of college women are victimized in any given year.

Take Back the Night is an effort to make the reality of these figures public. Says Kazin, "Sexual assault and date rape is a huge problem at Hamilton, just like it is at any other college or university."

In response to growing anxiety concerning Hamilton's alcohol consumption, the correlation between drinking and unwanted sexual advances has also been investigated. According to the Hamilton Survey, 84% of the incidents on our campus involved alcohol or another intoxicant. Kazin commented that "Unfortunately, there is a high correlation between sexual assault and alcohol. The vast majority of campus rapes involve blacking out and incapacitation due to excessive alcohol use; however, not all date rapes or assaults involve the use of alcohol."

Rabbi's Orthodox beliefs conflicted with some in Jewish community

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cuss the work that Rabbi Rapoport has done for the Jewish community at Hamilton: "while here, Rabbi Rapoport infused Hamilton's Hillel with a religious, spiritual component," said Kantrowitz. "The year before he came, the student co-presidents of Hillel shouldered most of the responsibility for Hillel. Rabbi Rapoport filled a big gap by providing a Jewish clerical presence in this community. He worked to educate students on the importance and relevance of the dietary laws, prayer, the weekly Torah readings, and all the holidays."

Kantrowitz also commented on Rapoport's devotion to Hamilton's students: "he spoke with, counseled, and reached out to students, and he tried to engage them and challenge them. I know that he tried to get them to think about things in a different way, to look at their religious and spiritual lives on a different level."

Professor of Comparative Literature Nancy Rabinowitz, also had positive things to say about the changes that Rapoport brought to campus.

"I think that he made Judaism more prominent with the placement of the Sukkah ([the] tent [used] for the harvest celebration) behind Commons, for instance," said Rabinowitz.

However, Rabinowitz also commented that the Rapoport being Orthodox also presented problems for some in Hamilton's community.

"I also think that most of the Hamilton Jewish community is less Orthodox than he...it seems that the difficulty of keeping Kosher at Hamilton would mean that you would not have many Orthodox students here...I am not sure that he accurately represented our student body or was able to be responsive to our students' needs. For instance, his services for high holy days were Orthodox, and I heard that led some students not to want to attend," Rabinowitz said; however, Rabinowitz also added, "There is not a very large Jewish community at Hamilton, not large enough to support two sets of services."

Some worry that Rapoport was unfairly judged by Hamilton's community and that his labeling as an Orthodox rabbi should not have determined how he was viewed by our population.

Kantrowitz spoke on these labels that Rapoport and Hamilton's Jewish community have received. Rabbi Rapoport has been labeled as "Orthodox," and "people wondered why Hamilton would hire an Orthodox Rabbi," said Kantrowitz, before he went on to speak about Hamilton's Jewish population being primarily "Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist, so, to some, Rabbi Rapoport does not appear to offer the right leadership."

"The funny thing is," Kantrowitz continued, "is that Rabbi Rapoport never labels anybody. He just speaks to people....all people. He is warm, friendly, and non-judgemental. He is learned, bright, thoughtful, humble, and engaging. He is worldly, knowledgeable, and quite a character, with a great sense of humor."

Kantrowitz went on to say, "it appears that lots of people were reluctant to approach him, to engage him, to challenge him, to hear his position on both secular and non-secular issues."

Still, it appears that Rapoport's Othrodox beliefs did deter many students and faculty from attending services and from interacting with him.

"He could not shake hands with a woman because of his beliefs, and while there are many interpretations of that practice, it did put me off," said Rabinowitz.

Regardless, Raport will be missed by many on campus when he leaves.

"I think that we are missing out on a great opportunity with Rabbi Rapport's departure, but more importantly, I regret that, as a community, we might not have been as welcoming and supportive of him as we could have been," Kantrowitz stated.

Accepted students, hosts enjoy Open House festivities

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were received at 2 p.m. by various members of the Administration in Wellin Hall and were later invited to the Barn to attend an Academic Fair.

While some prospective students chatted with faculty members in the Barn, others met with representatives from student organizations next door in the Annex. Over thirty student organizations attended this year's Activities Fair, each hoping to recruit potential new members. Participants included The Brothers, WHCL, the Dance Team, the Christian Fellowship, the Equestrian Club, the Rainbow Alliance and various *a cappella* groups.

Early in the evening, students crowded the Chapel to watch performances from Hamilton's resident comedy troops Bobby Peru and Yodapez. The Step Team and all four *a cappella* groups also performed for the packed house.

When the show ended, both current and prospective students filed over to the Annex to participate in another Hamilton classic: big-prize bingo. All in attendance had the opportunity to win DVD players, a digital camera, a golf bag, a microwave, wheeled luggage and the first full season of Friends, among other prizes.

At the end of the night, prospectives retired to student dorms to spend the night. Nearly 200 current students volunteered to overnight host, a job that many, including Jeff Friedman '05, find to be very important.

"I wanted to make an impression of what Hamilton is about and what is to be expected," said Friedman. "With any luck, I was able to help him [my prospective] make the best choice possible."

Caroline O'Shea '07 agreed. O'Shea, a tour guide, also hosted a prospective student this week. "I hope that I am able to show off the best aspects of Hamilton, and thereby get some intelligent, diverse and involved students to come here. I also try to dispel some of the myths and generalizations that prospective students might read about Hamilton in college guides or hear as rumors. I want prospectives to know that there isn't just one type of Hamilton student or one kind of experience to be had here."

She added, "Getting the best possible students to come to Hamilton benefits all of us. It not only makes the quality of our college experience better, it improves Hamilton's reputation as an elite school."

The students accepted into the Class of 2008 represent a rising trend in the quality of Hamilton applicants. According to Schilder, "the students accepted to Hamilton this year are more qualified than ever."

85% of those accepted regular decision are in the top 10% of their high school class, with average combined SAT scores of 1390.

"As the quality of the students Hamilton accepts continues to increase, the competition for these top students becomes keener each year as does the importance of programs like Accepted Student Open House," said Schilder.

The Spectator
"Older than the New York Times"

When 190 future members of the class of 2008 visited Hamilton last Tuesday, did they see a school troubled by racial ignorance and homophobia? They were treated to concerts, food, activity fairs, and performances. Most of the time Hamilton is like what they saw: a nice place, filled with interested and interesting students who know how to work and love to have a good time. But as we have seen in the past few weeks, our campus has a darker side, and we're not talking about Kirkland. The prospectives arrived two weeks after a drunken student called a black student security worker a nigger, and on the exact day flyers arrived in every student's mailbox reprinting the hate mail a gay student found slipped under his door.

When we see future Hamilton students on what will be their campus for the first time, it should make those of us privileged enough to be here now think a little harder about what sort of legacy we are leaving. What, for example, would a black student think Hamilton was like? What about a homosexual student?

They are seeing a social climate where some students feel they can throw derogatory racial epithets around as passing insults. A "community" where on any given day, homosexual students return to their rooms to find notes telling them to die.

We may say: "This isn't what Hamilton's like. Those are isolated incidents." But in a self-defining community like Hamilton, the social balance is precarious. Right now, racial minorities and anyone with an "alternative" lifestyle are wondering why members of their chosen community are harassing them. But try thinking of yourself as a prospective, getting the sense of the school for the first time, and then realize that this hateful climate is what many students currently on the Hill live with every day.

In the case of the party incident, are we this clueless? Where were people raised that hate words are acceptable things to call someone who's pissing you off? If Hamilton teaches us anything, let it be to have even the most basic respect for someone else's identity.

In the case of the harassment of the gay student, does this scare anyone else? It sure scares us. Everyone is entitled to their views, whether they embrace homosexuality or disapprove of it. But no one is entitled to debase another human being, cowardly and insultingly in anonymous print. Again, if Hamilton teaches us anything, it's to seek understanding before judgement, and not to lash out at the innocent.

Imagine you're one of those kids on Tuesday. Do you want to go to a school where things like these happen? The vast majority of us will answer no, and, in this case, the majority is right.

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Candidate Platforms

Class President

President, Class of 2005
Beth Conway
I have to admit my excitement when I see the Student Assembly Minutes in my inbox! I have truly missed the opportunity to be involved at Hamilton while I have been abroad, however this time away has only increased my enthusiasm and excitement to get back. Over the past few years I have cherished the opportunity to coordinate and participate in many school events, such as Fall Fest, Al Ham Weekend and Spring on the Hill. My past experience in S.A. and in many other organizations has allowed me to foster wonderful relationships with many students and administrators across our campus. Working with the other Class Officers, I would be honored to bring out class into our final year at Hamilton.

President, Class of 2006
Clayton Hofer
The ideal future is defined by a single word: homogeneity. The Hamilton community suffers from a diversity of viewpoints. As our experiences in the Middle-east prove, disparate opinions are the basis of hate, suffering, and struggle. When core values are distinctly defined and impressed upon all members of a community, the stigma associated with differing from the norm serves as an excellent impetus for silence. As President, I will work to ensure that the Hamilton community establishes a regnant morality that will serve as a beacon, lighting the way towards a better future.

Tim Moyer
My name is Tim Moyer, and I am running to be your class president. Currently, I am an active member of the student assembly, serving as our class's secretary/treasurer. I am a vocal and personable individual who has the ability to lead our class in the student assembly. Given my experience in the assembly and enthusiastic involvement in the community in such roles as founding OUR, I believe that I would make a great president. In terms of plans for upcoming year, I would like to continue the successful trend of 2006 created events, such as our dinner in Bundy earlier this year, and the iron chef competition as two notable examples. Thanks for your time.

Alex Taddei
A member of society is called upon to stand up and lead his/her fellow citizens into a future of freedom and prosperity. This member is one voice among many, but a consensus reached by the people has made it the most powerful. As president, Alex Taddei will be the voice of his peers. He will bring his class to great glory. Event planning, discussion with administration, and eliminating cronyism from student government are among the top priorities of the future Taddei Administration. It is your college; elect the People's President.

Gabe Tash
I have observed the student's respect for this school diminish, and now it's time I speak up. The problem isn't just the students; it's also what's happening around them. The tuition of the school is inexplicable, the faculty-student relationship is stressed, and the social life has deteriorated. I am not saying that the school's tuition needs to be halved, or the faculty and students need to be best friends and I certainly do not want for this school to become an around the clock party. I hope to mend these problems and others through compromise with everyone's help.

President, Class of 2007
Guillermo Willie Artiles
Attention Class of 2007!
By Senior Year...
1. Our campus will be dryer than the chicken at Commons!
2. Greek societies will be as ancient as the Parthenon!
3. We will ALL have to transfer to Utica College thanks to grade decompression!
4. We will ALL have more points than a New Jersey driver!
5. Friday morning class...Attendance = 50%, Productivity = 0%. ....and best of all, President Stewart will still be here!
If you're interested in stopping any of these, you know what to do! VOTE GUILLERMO WILLIE ARTILES FOR PRESIDENT '07

Hillary Gamble
Class of 2007, I urge you to reelect me as your class president for next year. Your current leaders and I want to continue working closely with you for another academic year. I aspire not only to solidify our class, but to work with other, more experienced members of our Hamilton Community to help us attain our goals. Though Hamilton seems to be undergoing drastic changes, Student Assembly will continue to work closely with the administration to ensure that students' voices are not only heard but positively influence Hamilton's future. Please grant me another year to work on your behalf.

Class Secretary/ Treasurer

Secretary/Treasurer, Class of 2005
Michael Osborne
My name is Michael Osborne and I am running for Secretary and Treasurer of the Class of 2005. I was appointed to this position at the start of this semester, and I have been an active member on the Assembly so far. Our final year on the Hill is fast approaching, and I pledge to do whatever I can to make it our best year yet. I look forward to continuing and increasing my participation with your help, and that is why I am asking for your vote for Secretary and Treasurer of the Class of 2005.

Secretary/Treasurer, Class of 2006
Zoë Baldwin
My name is Zoë Baldwin and I am running for Secretary/Treasurer. I am involved in a wide range of activities on campus, and I believe I have the knowledge and skills necessary for the position. I am a member of the Women's Hockey Team. In addition, I have helped organize the Relay for Life and will the chair the event next year. My involvement in Newman Council and Trust Treat has also allowed me to become active at Hamilton. I believe I have the organizational experience and the best interest in mind in wanting to represent our class.

Andrew Dassori
In the role of Secretary/Treasurer of the class of 2007, I would bring a listening ear, as well as a thoughtful, honest voice to debate and discussions regarding our class and its issues. My focus in these situations would be to effectively represent the voice and ideas of our class. As a member of both the Varsity Lacrosse and Football teams, a writer for the Spectator, and a member of the Young Democrats club, I believe I can bring together a diverse breadth of viewpoints in interaction with faculty and staff to better our class's overall experience at Hamilton.

Chris Parkinson
As a current student assembly representative and member of the funding committee, I allocate my monetary knowledge in a effective manner. I use previous knowledge from an accounting job and being an economics major in order to distribute funds fairly and professionally. If elected, I will uphold the rules set forth by Hamilton's Constitution and the funding committee to act as the secretary treasurer of the class of 2006.

Secretery/Treasurer, Class of 2007
Britt Carnegie
I would love to represent the Class of 2007 by being your secretary/treasurer in the Central Council. I'm good with numbers and I think I would be great at managing our money in the best interest of our class. I am organized, skilled, hard-working and enthusiastic and I think those are qualities that help make me the right person to coordinate and organize activities throughout campus. I will go into the student assembly and make sure that the next 3 years of our lives are the best they can possibly be.

Quang Nguyen
My name is Quang Nguyen and I am running the re-election campaign for the Secretary/ Treasurer position of class 07. Already serving for one year as the class Secretary/Treasurer, I am an experienced and dedicated veteran, who is able to make rational decisions on many important issues, particularly on managing and allocating funds among clubs and organizations. My activeness is proved by my enthusiastic involvement in organizing and helping with many events such as, Housing Information Session for freshman class, Feb Fest Skating, Ham Jam Showcase... I am also an active participant of Brothers Organization, Asian Culture Society, International Student Association... Self-motivating, dedication, and commitment are my qualifications for the Secretary/Treasurer position. It is my pledge that if given your vote, I will persist on devoting my full dedication to make our sophomore year great with many exciting activities and events.

Dongyue Zhang
As treasurer of the class of 2007 I, Dongyue Zhang, will responsibly uphold the treasurer position. I have a rich experience in finance and law via internship. I am seriously considering majoring in Math, I am currently studying economics and am hoping to minor in it, I am hard working, have an incisive mind, and I am fun to work with. I have let too many chances pass away in my life before and I am not going to let this one pass me by. You can trust me as your next treasurer and I will not let you down.

Community Conference Committee (CCC) Chair

R. Andre Chapman
I would lead the Community Conference Committee with poise. The day I stepped foot on Hamilton's campus I've tried my hardest to make a difference. I've written numerous articles for the Spectator addressing issues that are compelling and affect the entire Hamilton community. My latest article, which I released in the 4/9/04 edition of the Spectator, was about the racial issues that continue to plague the Hamilton community. I have an unwavering desire to help in the solution process. I hear that the CCC chair has that role. I would use the voice of the students to enforce change.

Marsha Joachim
I, Marsha Joachim, would like to run as the Community Conference Committee chair to serve as a liason between students, faculty and administration. As a resident advisor (2003-2004() I have established a relationship with residential life and as a student, I share in the same concerns as most Hamilton students and I am willing to hear students' voices. Currently, I am working with the director of multi-cultural affairs, various faculy members and students to learn about the dynamic relationships students have with their professors. I will represent the Hamilton community and teir concerns to the best of my ability.

Elections for these positions will be held Wednesday, April 28 from 10 a.m to 6 p.m. in Beinecke. If you have questions, please contact Student Assembly Elections Chair Jon Kuhl '06.

Hamilton

Changing campus climate

by Thomas Acampora '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Like most college-bound students, I was extremely excited about the prospect of life on the Hill. Part of that excitement emerged from the prospect of being a young gay man entering an environment and community where I could feel safe and accepted. I presumed Hamilton College would provide such an environment.

This illusion of Hamilton as a 'safe haven' was swiftly destroyed. Beginning in the early part of my freshman year, I began to receive phone calls from a cacophony of male voices that immediately informed me of my social standing; using a variety of epithets, they launched a fury of verbal abuse over the phone. Usually too stunned or scared to hang up the phone, I often listened until they no longer found the 'conversation' interesting.

Immediately, I became a recluse, afraid of what might happen if I put myself in dangerous situations. I avoided most parties and never let my guard down. I went from being the guy who met and talked to two hundred people in my first week at Hamilton to someone who went to dinner at odd times to avoid being around lots of people and spent most of my time in my room.

Despite these efforts, the phone calls continued. In fact, the tone and tenor of the phone calls became increasingly more hostile, threatening my physical safety and describing how my body would be violated. Unable to endure it any longer, I began to quickly hang up the phone or not answer it at all. For whatever reason, the phone calls stopped towards the end of my freshman year.

I was determined to be undeterred in my studies by this group of individuals, and firmly decided to return to Hamilton for my sophomore year. I also hoped the men who were calling me had graduated or matured. Throughout my entire sophomore year and the first semester of this year, I received no messages or phone calls. However, my sense of safety and comfort here was never reestablished, and I made it a point to avoid walking across campus at certain hours, going to certain parties and, in general, avoiding any situation where I could conceive of or imagine danger.

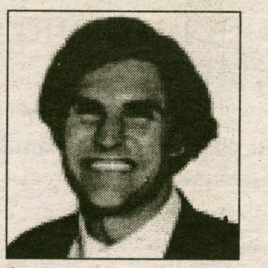
Around mid-February of this current semester, I came back to my room to find the word "faggot" written on the dry-erase board on my door along with drawn penises. I quickly erased the note. On a few other occasions during the semester, I had penises drawn or the words "fag" or "faggot" written on my dry-erase board. I chalked it up to someone being ignorant and hoped it would stop. However, I woke up this past Saturday (4/16), to find a typed-up note on the floor of my room, which read: "Fuck you faggot! Stop bitching! I don't give a shit. It is unnatural and fucking disgusting. You should shut up and die!"

This note has been the single most persistent thing on my mind this past week. I am not particularly angry – I never was – and have already, in my heart, forgiven this person for their action. Although I can intellectualize the reasons people might find homosexuality threatening, part of me cannot comprehend this kind of hate. I am sharing my story so that people can have a glimpse of what student life at Hamilton is like for a gay student. Hopefully, you are asking this question: "Thomas, is there anything I can do to help?"

I cannot make this campus a more welcoming environment by myself. The people who can really change this climate are all of you reading this. So, I am asking for you to help me out; help me turn my experience and hurt into something positive. I will be honest and say that helping will not be easy. When you correct someone else about his/her use of language or his/her intolerant views, you might get hurt. When you bring up the issues of harassment at lunch, instead of talking about the weather, you might receive a few looks that make you feel socially awkward or unwelcome.

You might have to spend some time learning about the issues involved. However, while I encourage and respect students who risk social sanction to speak out, this cannot be an issue left to students to solve. The College must take action from an administrative level. When I received those phone calls or found that note in my room, I felt hurt and threatened. But more damaging than any phone call or note is the complicit silence of the Hamilton community, a community which I have always wanted to feel safe and comfortable being part of and have never been able to.

No Straw Men



by Jonathan Rick '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

What Is the Central Cause of Terrorism That Plagues the World Today and How Should It Be Mitigated?

The war on "terror" ("terror" being a tactic, not an enemy) is a war of ideas; it boils down to the difference between what Thomas Friedman describes as the "Lexus" (globalism) vs. the "olive tree" (tribalism). For instance, the World Trade Center symbolized the freedom to use one's independent mind to produce material prosperity, a rising standard of living, and happiness on this earth. By contrast, the terrorists — though they pine for skyscrapers — reject the values that make them possible. They privilege rote and obedience before inquiry and thinking, intolerance before worldliness, female subservience before equality, the ninth century before the twenty-first, authoritarianism before liberalism. As Ayatollah Khomeini understood: "We are not afraid of economic sanctions or military intervention. What we are afraid of is Western universities." Indeed, since Western values (ideally) embody the unfettered mind, reason given full play, the right to question anything, the terrorists are right to fear both Bush and Britney.

But we need not impose our values and ideas. Instead, I think we should let them proliferate voluntarily and personally, via free trade. Of course, this does not preclude self-defense, in which we should always act vigorously, but since culture undergirds politics, winning hearts and minds must precede democratization. And since it carries enormous cultural baggage, which progressively destabilizes dictatorships, trade accomplishes the latter through the former. Indeed, young Iranians in Tehran eat Big Macs while wearing Levi jeans. Moreover, in this Age of the Internet, they use Google to read news uncensored. The world is Westernizing; let us expose the children of our enemies to the Western side of the culture wars.

Is One Man's Terrorist Another Man's Freedom Fighter?

Those who say one man's terrorist is another's freedom fighter flout common sense. But the distinction is more nuanced than calling "terrorism" any deliberate murder of civilians. The distinction, I think, depends on what one is fighting for.

For instance, remember that in World War Two the Allies deliberately leveled Tokyo, Berlin, Hiroshima and Nagasaki — civilians notwithstanding. But contrary to the Nazis' bombing of Berlin, the Allies used these terror bombings, only as a last resort, as a means to secure the blessings of liberty — both for themselves and for their enemies. By contrast, the Axis powers fought, not for FDR's "four freedoms," but for fascism. Had they won, they would not have liberated the Allies — as the Allies, namely, America, did them — but enslaved the free world.

A freedom fighter, therefore, brings freedom. A terrorist brings oppression.

Thumbs Up

- Accepted Students Day on 4/20: Welcoming the Class of 2008 to the Glen one doobie at a time.

- Res Life replacing the President's Office as the most hated College institution.

-Jimi James... and Rick James.

-National Day of Silence and Womyn's Energy Week helping to erase campus apathy.

- You can do it in a single, but your roommates can secretly film it in a quad.

- The Alcohol Coalition sponsored beer run on Class and Charter Day.

- Prospectives: the only people who can make freshmen look cool.

- 4 weeks til graduaton.

- Skin and fake tanner galore in the Theater Dept.'s "Wipeout."

Thumbs Down

- Weighted averages: the most complicated mathematical operation since long division.

- DU pulling every last suite they want. Wasn't the lottery supposed to prevent that?

- The new "pull" policy - six strangers living in a South 6-pull.

- Another Martin's Way obstruction just in time for spring.

-Vegeterian Day: a self-imposed demotion to the bottom of the food chain.

-The Administration still trying to convince us that they're serious about the alcohol policy. Come on now.

-Being able to smell cow crap from the next farm over.

- 4 weeks til graduation.

Celine Geiger '04, Louis Vaickus '05, Ryan Burns '05, Tex '07, Brendan W. Sullivan '07, Lindsay Walsh '07 and Sarah Britton '07

Who Cares?

-Angioplasty.

- Gin & Juice 2004: you'll never make up for the 2002 debacle.

- Your prospective getting more ass than you.

- Ann Coulter at Colgate: "Let's give all our kids guns."

- Leapfrog across campus.

- The WomYn's Center: Uh, hey guys... Y is the male chromosome.

- Warm weather: now the t-shirt and shorts guy doesn't stand out as much.

- Middlebury's recycling standards.

- 4 weeks til graduation.

Want to write for Thumbs Up/ Thumbs Down? Think you have what it takes to be the next Paul P. or Preston? Email wrothe or adavis, and we just might let you.

Come on Clinton

Such is the fate of my penis...and other tales of destiny

Klitora Kirkland
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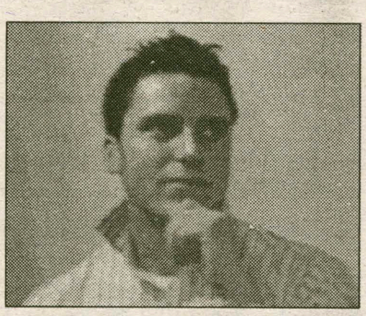

Phallixander Hamilton
Dan Fiore '04

Pee-pees

Oft has a man wondered, "What is the fate of my penis?" And we have answered in many different ways: It's not the size of the boat; it's the motion of the ocean, or size does matter. To find out the fate of your penis, you must first determine how your penis is perceived by those who will be receiving it. Here is a useful guide to those of you hoping to understand the general perceptions of the penis, broken down by category:

The Thin Penis - this is the least desirable type of penis to have, for although it may not be short, it is surely unsatisfying. Condoms will hang off you like oversized Christmas stockings. However, on the up side, it will slide easily into most orifices without the aid of lube or three-finger warm up.

The Canoe Penis - this penis, as the name suggests, is shaped like a canoe, tilting skyward at the head. This penis is greatly favored by some for its innate ability to find the g-spot within the vagina (located roughly two inches up on the frontal vaginal wall). It is also fun to play "shipwreck" with this penis and have tiny oarsmen rest upon it.

The Box - the box is probably the rarest penis to come by. It has flat planes, and is practically square. Although you may try to hide your penis if it is boxlike, you should do so no longer. It will be adulated simply for its singularity and freakish appeal. Congratulations.

The Stumpy Penis - this penis mirrors the shape reflected by its title. It is short and stout as a little teapot, and owners of this penis oft feel disgraced by its longitudinal lacking. Be shamed no more, for the stumpy penis is making a comeback (no pun intended). The vaginal canal does not respond to length as it does to width, and the ultimate goal of sex is not (we repeat not) to hit the rib cage, thus the stumpy penis is actually quite concise, utilitarian, and space-efficient. Brava.

Boobies

Unlike men with baby dicks, women find it hard to hide their goodies from the general public. Sure baggy clothes and padded bras leave some mystery, but usually a savvy passerby can surmise a woman's bra size in one look (but it always helps to take a couple more peeks for verification). Now that the weather's perking up, all across campus cleavage has been popping up, and occasionally popping out. The ever-pressing question is, does size matter?

The surprising answer - NO. When asked his opinion, one male senior said, "As long as there's two or more nipples, I'm a happy booby tosser." Apparently, the enigmatic third nipple is more intriguing than disgusting. A senior male explained, "I hate extremes. If a girl's got lima beans, I feel like a pedophile. If a girl's got watermelons, I get hungry. Anywhere in between, I'm happy." Most of those interviewed echoed the sentiments of the latter senior male, although not as explicitly.

And Finally

Fate is not, and never will be, a matter about which to jest. We hope that you take our categorical analysis of the perceptions of pee-pees and boobies quite seriously, and thus accurately determine the respective fates of your crucial parts. Do not despair, love who you are, and always remember, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, and sometimes, under you.

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Sick of this garbage

by Stacey Kudish '98
ASSISTANT DEAN OF ADMISSION

Last week, as I was walking to Café Opus for lunch, I asked a student to stop throwing his orange peels over the bridge. Scores of people were streaming by this student, and he was engaged in conversation with another student while he was littering. No one else, not even his friend, asked him show more respect for the campus. The orange peel pitcher felt so comfortable throwing his trash off the bridge that he challenged me about asking him to stop. After walking a few paces, I looked back and saw the arc of his arm as he sent another bit of peel flying.

After this exchange, it became impossible for me to ignore the litter below the bridge. The rubbish came to symbolize the number of careless students living on the Hill. Its increasing volume alarmed me. The Hamilton students I know are interesting people, engaged thinkers, they care for the community, and they want to get the most of their four years here. Surely, it was a handful of belligerent goons who were pitching their waste into the ravine. I could not rectify the mounting trash with my perception of the individuals who populate this campus. Was the number of careless students multiplying?

This question was haunting me, as was the ugly image of trash strewn about this area of our campus. I was dangerously close to becoming frustrated with physical plant for not cleaning the space, rather than keeping my anger and disappointment focused on the people who were creating the mess in the first place. I did not know who to be mad at, but I did not want to wait until someone else did something about the mess.

Early Tuesday morning, armed with a trash bag, rubber gloves and sturdy boots, I headed into the ravine and picked up trash. The first bag was full before I even finished cleaning one side of the creek. What ultimately filled the two bags of trash that I hauled out on Tuesday morning surprised me. Keystone Light and Rolling Rock drinkers considered this space a suitable deposit for their empties. Cigarette smokers tossed their packs aside with seemingly little regard. Diner cups, soggy napkins, and dining hall silverware were unearthed. Granola bar eaters were guilty of improperly disposing of their wrappers. Student groups who failed to clean up their advertising flyers were aggravating to encounter in that context. The poster encouraging students to spend a summer doing environmental work was a bit too ironic.

The goons were no longer anonymous. It turns out that we could all be better about recognizing our personal environmental responsibility. This responsibility goes beyond simply waiting to encounter a trash can or recycling bin to dispose of your waste; it involves reminding peers of their responsibility as well. Drunkenness and the cover of night are not excuses. Do not send a drunken friend into the ravine to pick up after himself, but do not reward his actions by telling him how funny he is for hurling his empty into the abyss.

When he is sober, ask him to pick up after himself. Let's, as a community, agree to consider an event a success only when the event space and the advertising are properly cleaned up. Keep the anger focused where it belongs, in this case, on the litterbugs, not on physical plant. Physical plant had already cleaned out that space twice since the weather turned nice. One last lesson learned, it takes longer than you think for orange peel to degrade– best that it not end up down there in the first place!

The importance of the liberal arts

by Shoshana Keller
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Colleges around the country, including Hamilton, are examining the issue of grade inflation and what to do about it. Hamilton is certainly not the worst offender in this area - Princeton University gives some 47% of its grades in the A range, whereas in the fall of 2003, 36% of the grades that the Hamilton faculty gave ranged from A- to A+ (data from the Registrar). This is still way too high. But whether at Hamilton or at Princeton, many students are angered and offended by the entire grade inflation argument. Two common responses to the charge of grade inflation are 1) higher grades reflect better students, not lower standards, and 2) students should not be pressured to put more work into academics because they are already so busy with extra-curricular activities and they learn more outside of the classroom than inside. I want to focus on this second argument, because I think it is the more dangerous of the two.

Dangerous? What's dangerous about learning organizational skills by doing club activities? How could getting a sobering look at American poverty by volunteering through HAVOC be a bad thing? It's not a bad thing– as long as we keep priorities in the proper order. The argument that students learn more outside of formal instruction is an old one. It reflects the American emphasis on practical skills over "book learning," and it reflects the strong tradition of anti-intellectualism in our history. But the idea that you really go to college to network with future business associates, and if you pick up a smattering of facts and culture along the way that's fine, is dangerously outdated.

Take a hard look at the world you are inheriting, if you can find the time! One of the problems with our emphasis on constant, frantic activity is that we have no time to reflect on and understand our own lives. We have too much information and very little knowledge, and there's an important difference between the two. But the cultural noise that we use to drown out difficult and unpleasant things doesn't create a perfect seal. The war in Iraq is not going as planned. Terrorists set off bombs in Madrid and Tashkent, and high school students try to set off bombs here in New York State. AIDS killed three million people in 2003, while five million more were infected with HIV. The American economy is terrific or terrible, depending on which political party you listen to. How can you begin to understand what's going on?

Read, study, and learn. What we are trying to teach you in class is vital to understanding the world and your place in it. Academics are more important to your future than anything else you do here, and intellectual labor should be taking up most of your time. Yes, we teach you some practical skills: how to see through misleading statistics (like college rankings), how to construct a convincing argument, how to manipulate digital images. Skills have their place, but if all you needed was practical training, you could go to your local technical college and save a bundle in tuition money.

You cannot understand what we face in Iraq without studying the history, literature, and religions of the Middle East. You cannot understand what Americans are doing there without studying modern historical, political, and economic developments in the West. Not only do you need to know basic facts, you must be able to analyze what they mean. You cannot analyze the facts before you without having a solid understanding of human nature and the physical world that the human animal inhabits. Studying Dostoevsky and Darwin is essential; so is studying foreign languages and organic chemistry.

Very nice, rah rah, the liberal arts. But higher education is not simply a pleasant way for middle class children to while away their late adolescence any more, if it

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ResLife and red tape: a disenfranchised student voice?

Part two of a three-part series on student housing at Hamilton

Adrienne H. Cook '06
INSIGHTS AND IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Last week, I presented student opinions on a variety of housing questions. This week's focus is a final housing question, the possibility of specialty housing, and opinions of the Office of Residential Life.

In soliciting opinions on special interest housing, namely for foreign languages, the responses ranged from enthusiastic, mildly indifferent, and opposed, though not forcefully. Emma Timmins-Shiftman wrote '06, "I would love a French house!! Language-based housing is a good idea and will lead to language students who are more fluent and better able to participate in class." Emily Maltby '06 also found it to be a great idea, and an '06 Bundy West resident remarked that she has "heard several students (and prospective ones on [her] tours) who have expressed and interest in language-based housing" and personally supports the idea. Other students, like Anne Greenewalt '06, would personally not live in such a situation but would not be opposed to such a system. Although supporting such a system, Jordan Shedlock '06 cautioned that it must be done intelligently and not be available to freshmen. Robert Wysocki '06 believes that "people who express a desire should be given the option. If students want to live in a house that speaks exclusively French, they can knock themselves out and should be allowed to."

Other students found it a system easily abused by displaced fraternities and those with poor lottery numbers. Karen Richardson '06 felt the only way for language housing to work would be for professors to live with the students to prevent abuse. Andrew Ehrig '06 wouldn't live in a language house, but would sign up for one in English Literature given the chance. The major opposition boiled down to our nature as a liberal arts college: since we are a small school, such housing might become exclusive and diminish diversity, sentiments expressed by '06 residents of Dunham and Carnegie, and also by an '04 resident of Babbitt.

Asking students to sound off on ResLife matters is one thing; asking for personal opinions as to whether or not students feel they have a say in ResLife decisions, and what they think about, in general terms, the office itself is quite the pair of Pandora's boxes. Very few students feel they have a say in ResLife decisions. Some do not know how to go about expressing opinions; others feel they are yet to see an instance where student opinions actually influence ResLife decisions.

Students realize ResLife is in a tough spot overseeing housing, but remain adamant that student opinions are ignored. Karen Richardson '06 cites the chronic lack of upperclassmen substance free housing despite a demand for it. Sharon Hakim '06 responded, "It seems like the decisions are being made based on the "needs of the community" and not by the students. "We are just the ones who have to literally live with the decisions." Adds an '06 Dunham resident, "I think that ResLife has very specific goals in mind while thinking up these policies and that they are so determined to change certain aspects of campus life that the popularity of these ideas is not their main concern."

By far, the most colorful responses I received directly regarded how students feel about the office of ResLife. Some, such as Jordan Shedlock '06, had no specific quarrel with them, and others, like Anne Greenewalt have had positive experiences with them regarding room switches. As an '04 Babbit resident explained, there's far too much bureaucracy, but she "love[s]" them as individuals."

The following are a few more of the student responses, collected regarding ResLife:

Robert Wysocki: I think that they are trying to change things for the betterment of all the students. I just don't think that their changes will make things better or easier. The changes will only confuse and anger many students.

Andrew Ehrig: A humorless entity devoted towards treating the student residents like poorly raised children who are unable to make mature decisions and require intense supervision.

Micheal Gruen: I think the above pretty much sums it up. Do these situations influence my opinion? Of the school: yes; I've seen many students transfer and/or talk of transferring because of the lock-tight housing arrangement. They've also stuck me in sh*tty housing and refused to move me, even though I couldn't sleep. The policy, "oh, that didn't work; let's try it this way" needs to stop. They're f***ing everyone over.

Sharon Hakim: I think that they are approaching the larger campus problems of disrespect and abuse of property through housing. This is not the answer. They are misguided. Making the housing system more rigid doesn't change the student's beliefs or actions.

Karen Richardson: I strongly dislike ResLife and don't trust it further than I can throw it. They've made a lot of bad decisions and continue to do so. These decisions have not only impacted residential hall life, but the entire life of the campus.

Emma Timmins-Shiftman: I think that they are becoming even more controlling, which is bad.

The housing lottery: What a bunch of blockheads!

Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

I knew it. You knew it. We all knew it.

Hell, if the student body did not understand the blocking system, there was no way that ResLife did.

For those of you that smartly opted out of Wednesday's blocking lottery, here's what you missed. ResLife informed the entire student body of how the system would work, pressured them into choosing their suites years (ok, a couple weeks) in advance, gathered everyone down in the Bristol Hub on a sunny (ok, cloudy) Wednesday evening, and only then realized that their entire system sucks and they (or, as ResLife likes to refer to it, "The Computer") screwed it up.

Big sigh.

Ok, so the first time this system was used it was probably not going to go perfectly.

In fact it was kind of fun. As my friend and future suitemate (waddup #2 in blocking...I guess the good thing about blocking is it gives me the chance to be a part of a better number than I could ever get on my own) Anne Wheeler said, "Its kind of like the New York Stock Exchange and *The Price is Right* combined."

All the running around, trying to find out who had the high numbers, negotiating so that friends could pull multiple suites; it was more than any reality TV show could have asked for.

But, once again, I am here to the rescue with suggestions for next time.

And, just for the record, there really shouldn't be a next time. The blocking system did not accomplish ResLife's goal of having more upperclassmen in the suites. There are now entire suites of juniors and sophomores that will inhabit Milbank and Babbitt next year. I mean, I'm psyched at the prospect of getting to know my younger fellow Hamiltonians, but if the suites turn into the next Bundy, I may have to go beat someone up because violence solves everything.

I digress. Here we go, ways to improve:

First off, please be honest about the way the system works. Really, we can handle it. Hey 2005ers, did you know that you could drop out of the blocking lottery after you signed up for it? No? Might that be because ResLife neglected to tell anyone until blocking signup was complete and there was nothing anyone could do? Sneaky, sneaky, ResLife, but all you did was scare people away from pulling suites.

Second: Wait for blocking till after we get our numbers. That can especially help the rising sophomores, especially the ones that denied offer after offer to enter a suite only to end up with #483 or something ridiculous like that (can we say karma?). Because now they are seriously S.O.L. And, as much as I think to myself, "Self, hah what a bunch of tools," I do feel bad.

Third: Maybe, you know, check the numbers that the computer comes up with or something before you go cramming the 300 or so of us into the Hub. We all know technology is awesome and stuff, but nothing beats the human brain, and the ResLife brain is a close second.

Finally, if you really want the rooms in the suites to be single pulls, then please just shut up and do that already. We've had enough of jumping through hoops to live with our friends. If you want to break up the suites, do it and be done. Quit playing games with our hearts.

Ah, housing. That time of year when you find out who your true friends are, and then realize that even they will screw you over when the chance to improve housing prospects arises. Well, all I can say is I'm glad my housing is done with.

And if you thought Wednesday sucked, wait till Sunday. Have fun kids.

DRAWING CRITICISM: TOM BOOTH '06

Letters to the Editor

THE SPECTATOR'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR SECTION IS DESIGNED TO BE A FORUM FOR THE ENTIRE HAMILTON COMMNUNITY TO DISCUSS AND DEBATE CAMPUS, LOCAL, NATIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES. PIECES PUBLISHED IN THE SECTION EXPRESS THE OPINION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WRITERS, AND ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE OPINIONS OF *THE SPECTATOR*, ITS EDITORS, OR THE MEDIA BOARD. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ARE WELCOME FROM ALL STUDENTS, ALUMNI/AE, FACULTY, FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE AND HAMILTON COMMUNITY MEMBERS. NEVERTHELESS, *THE SPECTATOR* HAS THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR SUBMISSION:

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Dear Editor,

A few of you politically savvy type on campus may have noticed an addition to the Career Center's ubiquitous pamphlet on the tables of the dining halls this week. *The Right*, the newest student publication on campus, sets out from its first issue to balance the left-wing slant of the campus, and finally set the record straight. This, of course, is an admirable goal. I won't argue with the fact that yes, our publications have been known to stray a bit left of center, and that our faculty might best be described as "crazy-left." Students For Academic Freedom have a noble goal in mind, and I'll even go so far as to say that yes, Barry Goldwater-style conservatism will always hold a special place in my heart.

That being said, here's where *The Right* goes horribly, horribly wrong. Gentlemen, I respect your discontent with the publications or the faculty on campus. It must be irritating never to see your opinions expressed in their full misanthropic glory, and if the situations were reversed, I would probably be out there waving signs, too. What I wouldn't be doing, however, is writing a newsletter in which I spend most of my page real estate laundry-listing Clinton's every fault, or praising the leadership and "testicular fortitude" of Our Lord and Savior George W. Bush. What's more, I would probably do a little homework before pulling statistics out of the air with which to smite my foes.

To wit: Mr. Artiles, a first-year who appears very malcontent indeed, has nearly the full inner spread of the newsletter devoted to the failings of one William Jefferson Clinton. Most of this discontent seems to stem from Clinton's poor choice not to approve an airstrike against Afghanistan, due to his preoccupation with a game of golf. Now, while I understand the obsessive need to nitpick every poor decision a figure of authority ever makes, I don't see how this will accomplish anything constructive.

One could note, for instance, George W. Bush's criminal incompetence in refusing to deploy the air force in time to stop the airliners already known to be hijacked on that fateful September morning. One could question why he immediately turned his attentions on Iraq, when there were no Iraqis on board the offending planes. One could even question why Bill Clinton's afternoon recreation is being brought into question when his successor spends very nearly a quarter of his life on vacation. As I said, this would hardly accomplish anything, and might make my argument look petty, or like part of the vast liberal conspiracy.

Also, I would probably avoid hypocritical assertions of my own morality, or specious reasoning, since it would probably make me look like an ill-informed writer. Mr. Nussbaum, for instance, refers to "liberal activists [who] are willing to commit arson and bomb buildings in order to defend the environment," thoughtfully portraying roughly half the country as terrorists themselves. While I certainly appreciate this Ann Coulter-style accusation of a thought-crime, I would be loathe to give it much credibility, especially in the face of the thousands of deaths caused by abortion clinic bombings, persecution of minorities, and war mongering enthusiastically endorsed by some of the more radical members of the right-wing. So what am I driving at? We deserve a wealth of opinions on campus, but we deserve competent opinions.

The Right seems to be relying on its political shock value, and barges forward proclaiming its value as counterculture. This does not make it a legitimate publication. I would encourage anyone who is conservative to urge its editors to maintain more of a standard, since the net result of the newsletter is simply to cause the conservative movement on campus to lose face. If you want to trumpet your opinions, do so in a reasonable manner; slandering liberals and urging war without justifying it adds nothing to the marketplace of ideas.

Erik Goulding '06

Dear Editor,

An issue about studying abroad and classism was brought up in "Money shouldn't be everything at Hamilton." The author suggests that if you are not paying full tuition you can't study abroad and that "going abroad would just not coincide with (his) family's financial picture." The author does state that this is an assumption and therefore, I am assuming he had not researched the idea at all. I would like to say that had he looked into studying abroad he would have found that there are many programs that cost significantly less than Hamilton tuition even with the added expenses of the $900 fee, visas and airfare. And he would have also found that if you are on financial aid it also carries over. I am currently studying abroad because I am a part of the "struggling-to-make-ends-meet portion of our Hamilton population" and this was one of the ways to make ends meet. I don't want assumptions to be made about those who do go abroad and I don't think those who are not so well off should be discouraged from trying to go abroad by the assumption it is a luxury of those who can pay full tuition.

Kelly Stryker '05

Dear Editor,

In the past few weeks the numerous incidents concerning racist and homophobic actions have allowed us the opportunity to better understand the community in which we live. Personally, I have been tremendously impressed by those students more proactive than I who have organized together to show our potential greatness up here on the hill. The past few weeks have been fixed in my mind as the most positive examples of raising sensitivity on campus and within a community. However there are so many groups that are calling for heightened sensitivity that seem to have a hard time looking beyond their own desire for recognition and understanding. Numerous fliers that clutter my doorway deliver news of recent incidences of hate language. These fliers have alerted us all to the degree to which every student and faculty member could heighten their own sensitivity to the attitudes expressed quite evidently throughout Hamilton. Other inescapable fliers posted over every square inch of campus have forced its way into our thoughts and feelings positively manipulating our inactivity.

Obviously a general sensitivity campaign wouldn't be nearly as affective as some of the more attention-grabbing signs posted on our campus, but it would at least provoke all classes, ethnicities and people to walk Martin's Way in someone else's shoes.

As hard as it is to conjure any sympathy for perpetrators of these infractions, is isolating and chastising these people the best solution? How will the writer of the infamous homophobic note learn of his/her own flaws of insensitivity without somebody devoting the time to simply talk to him/her and explain values that may have been remise in his/her previous community. My prolonged point is that with every infraction of insensitivity, a portion of the community makes one giant step to raise sensitivity to a singular issue while lowering sensitivity on the other side of the issue.

When I came across Bill Chenevert's excellent article entitled "Money shouldn't be everything at Hamilton," I noticed a few of these same traits ingrained in his successful attempt to raise sensitivity for those of us on the hill who don't have the same financial benefits as our Land-Rover and Mercedes driving population. Bill definitely raises a crucial point that many of our more wealthy students seem to have a certain degree of insensitivity towards those of us who can't afford the same luxuries that they sport daily. The raised collar straddles the line over social statement and fashion statement. There don't seem to be too may people getting out of their 82' Celicas with their collars popped, however, we have to at least consider the possibility that not every "collar" is trying to point out your poverty and simultaneously their own wealth. Chances are that these trendy dressers don't even realize the implications of their fashion that we assign to them.

What's important is that ethnicity, sexual preference, and financial standing are no means by which to judge a person. A person can be pleasant or obnoxious without meaning to demean our identities or personal values. While I still throw my complete support behind those of us who are resolute enough to gather publicly and demand attention for an issue, I believe that direct confrontation is a better catalyst for direct and immediate change on a personal level.

Ian Fitzgerald '07

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ever was. Americans are being killed in Iraq, in Afghanistan, in Kosovo. The cost is high, not only in human life but in money that must support the military rather than education or public health. We are also paying a high price in America's international political standing and in domestic civil liberties. Fallujah is far away, but the fighting there is affecting you, now. You need to understand what is happening, and why, and the only place you're going to get that understanding is in the classroom.

If you carefully examine your life here and still find that you are learning more from extra-curricular activities than from professors, then we are cheating you and you are cheating yourself. Leave this place, and don't look back.

Ask President Stewart

Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Q: Do you believe residential housing policies ought to be reviewed and therefore ammended to INCLUDE adult residential students? (such as those who matriculated into Hamilton by way of the ACCESS Project) - Monita Webb '06

Q: Why have so many pulls been taken out of the housing lottery, essentially making it harder for groups of friends to live together? - Anonymous '06

A: Residential life is an essential part of a Hamilton education. I have confidence in our excellent Residential Life staff and know that they make decisions with student input based on their commitment to enhancing the residential experience at Hamilton. However, I also believe that policies should be reviewed periodically and I believe firmly that students should participate in those discussions.

Habitat for Humanity sponsors sleep-out to raise awareness about homelessness, poverty

by Sarah Gould '05
FEATURES EDITOR

An odd sight could be seen this past week in the McEwen Breezeway. The cardboard boxes seemingly strewn about were not refuse, but a move taken by Hamilton's chapter of Habitat for Humanity to raise awareness about poverty and housing crises.

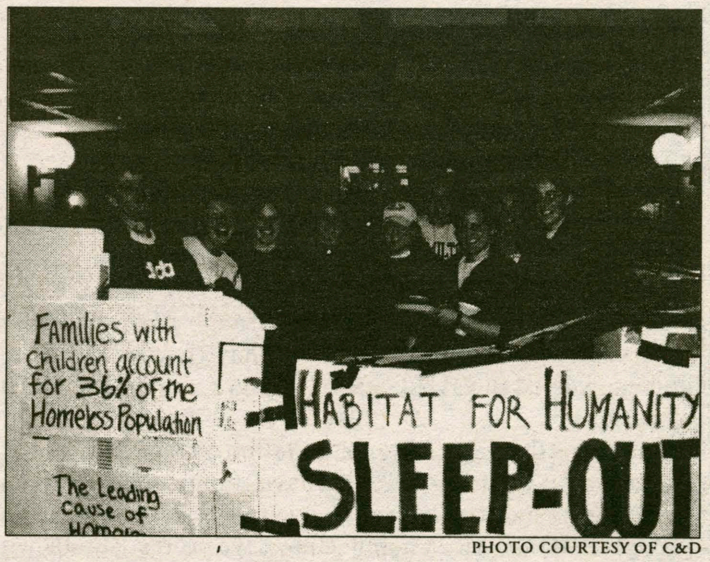
The cardboard structures were erected to simulate some of the conditions of the shanty-towns that house the homeless and poverty-stricken across the country. Nate Stell '04, one of the chief organizers of the event, explained, "The Habitat for Humanity Sleep-Out was an event where students gave up their relatively comfortable living spaces for a night to sleep outside with nothing but a cardboard shanty to provide shelter. Actually, a number of people didn't even have the protection of the shanty and had to sleep outside because we had a larger turnout than expected! The point was to experience, if only for a few hours, the difficulties that those with inadequate housing experience every day."

Participants in the sleep-out discussed ways of further reducing housing problems and Stell invited College Chaplain Jeff McArn to help facilitate the discussion. McArn focused his comments on the divisive and harmful fears within society that promote the belief that some people deserve housing more than others.

Stell and McArn both stressed the urgency of the problem and the need for students to get involved in organizations like Habitat for Humanity. Both time and money are needed to effect change - the sleep-out was clearly a step in the right direction. "The talk went really well, running for well over an hour, allowing us time to cover such topics as government failings in providing adequate housing for the nation's poor and the fear that permeates our society and creates rifts between the wealthy, working class, and the poor," Stell said.

Both professors and students took great interest in the sleep-out and throughout the night, people stopped by to inquire and learn about the reasoning behind staging such an event. "People were really excited about this event, and it made putting it together a much more enjoyable experience. It was the first time we've ever tried anything like this, and though I won't be back to help organize it next year, I'm confident that next year's organizers will build on the lessons learned from this year and make it an even greater success," Stell added.

Hamilton College's Habitat for Humanity chapter is associated with Habitat for Humanity Internation, a nonprofit organizating dedicated to building homes in partnership with people in need. It helps provide simple, decent housing for those who otherwise could not afford it. Since its inception in 1976, Habitat has contructed over 100,000 homes worldwide, providing shelter to over 500,000 people.



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Students participating in Habitat for Humanity's Sleepout on the McEwen Breezeway

Al Ham Weekend events scheduled to begin April 29

Al Ham Weekend begins next Thursday, April 29. The four-day event is sponsored by the InterSociety Council, Student Assembly, Office of Student Activities, and various campus organizations. Events are open to the campus-community and all are encouraged to participate. Not only will the weekend present hilarious opportunities to relax before end-of-the-year work starts piling up, but there are numerous chances to help the community at large.

Thursday, April 29

Blood Drive
Sponsored by the ISC and Student Activities, in conjunction with the American Red Cross
12:00pm - 5:00pm in the Annex
Sign-up in Beinecke, Monday thru Wednesday, 11:00-1:00pm

All Greek Banquet
6:30-8:30pm in Commons

Live Music at the Little Pub
Rich Price opening for Stephen Kellogg, 9:00pm

Friday, April 30th

Campus Wide Olympics on the 3:00-5:00pm. Dunham Quad
Giant and Slip 'n' Slide
Pie eating contest
Tug of War
Come and compete or just watch others make fools of themselves

"Mr. Hamilton" Competition
8:00pm in the Annex

Saturday, May 1

Clinton Clean-Up
Clinton Village Green, 10:00am-Noon
Help keep Clinton beautiful
Breakfast provided.

Carnival
Minor Field, 2:00-6:00pm
Come for the IMF concert, stay for the Giant moonbounce and cotton candy.

Sunday, May 2

Spring on the Hill Picnic
12:00-3:00pm
McEwen Breezeway

Brothers Organization to introduce first Multicultural Greek Forum

by Erin Frankel '05
FEATURES WRITER

This spring, the Brothers Organization will introduce the first Multicultural Greek Forum at Hamilton College. This year, the Brothers Organization is pleased to invite not only members of the Pan Hellenic Council, but also members of other multicultural Greek societies. This event will take place in the Annex on Saturday evening, April 24th at 9:00 PM with a party to follow at 11 PM.

The purpose of the multicultural Greek Forum is to provide students in the Central New York area an opportunity to learn more about multicultural Greek life, which may not always be available at our campus. In addition, this event will offer Greek societies a chance to exchange ideas with students interested in Greek life. Furthermore, the event presents the Brothers' objective of developing positive relationships with organizations at other schools in the area.

Herman L. Chapman, President of The Brothers, states that "the purpose of the Multicultural Greek Forum is to educate the Hamilton Community about historically Black, Latin, and Asian Greek societies. The forum provides students that are interested in their societies an opportunity to network and absorb information about a culture that is not present on the Hamilton College campus."

A number of Greek societies will attend this forum, including Alpha Phi Alpha National Fraternity (Alphas), Omega Psi Phi (Ques), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc (AKAs), Kappa Alpha Psi (Kappas), Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc (Zetas), Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc (Betas), Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority, Inc. (Cussies), Phi Iota Alpha National Latin Fraternity (Phi A's), Gamma Xi Sorority, and Alpha Chi Lambda Sorority.

The majority of these organizations are from Utica College. However, there are a handful hailing from Colgate University and Syracuse University. The forum will divide into three sections, which will culminate in an evening party. Section one will include a general introduction of the organization. Section two will consist of a question and answer segment between the host and the Greek societies. Chapman indicates that during this section, the Brothers will open up to a question-and-answer session to the audience.

The broader aims and objectives of the Brothers organization, as Chapman explains, are "to promote unity and brotherhood among men of color through academic excellence and social leadership, to provide services for the betterment of communities within and outside of Hamilton College, to stimulate cooperation and unity among other cultural organizations within and outside of Hamilton College, and to maintain an environment in which brothers will be able to express social, personal, or academic concerns."

Chapman further expresses that although The Brothers mission is to promote unity among men of color, the organization is open to the entire Hamilton Community. Their current membership of 25 members includes students from various ethnicities and races, including, Black, Latino, Asian and White.

Chapman states, "ultimately, we are a support base for each other. It is difficult to excel without a strong support base."

FEATURES still needs you... if you're interested in writing, please contact Sarah (sgould) or Jon (jkuhl)

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

April 21, 1972
32 YEARS AGO

Hamilton Professor speaks out against Vietnam War

We are come together for at least two reasons. First, from the moral and itellectual conviction that our military involvement in southeast Asia is wrong. We have bombed, raped, burned, and shot our way through north and south Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. We have burned children's bodies, wasted the substance of villages, corrupted the life of nations.

Perhaps this most recent escallation only helped to make evident what we in our quietism have supressed: every bomb that falls to burn a human body, to destroy a home and village, is an American bomb. Unless we protest, it falls with our permission and our blessing. It burns, maims, and destroys with our blessing. Unless we organize to make our resistance real.

But while we wait, we - our nation, in our name - has already devastated Indochina with more bomb tonage than we have loosed on other nations, in all other wars, combined.

A petition was crafted, which stated: "We, the undersigned students, faculty, and administration of Kirkland/Hamilton Colleges, strenuously protest the continuation of the United States Military involvement in southeast Asia, including the recent bombing of north Vietnam."

April 20, 1973
31 YEARS AGO

New York State Police bust Hamiltonian on campus

The New York State Police arrested a Hamilton College student for the alleged possession and sale of illegal drugs. The authorities apprehended the student on campus in the early morning, Friday, April 13th.

The suspect reportedly sold marijuana and hashish to an undercover narcotics agent. Quantities of both drugs were found in the student's room at the time of the arrest. Forty to fifty other drug-related arrests were also made on Friday in the Utica area, reportedly as a result of the agent's investigations.

The College discourages the use and sale of illegal drugs; they are considered detrimental to one's health and are prohibited by law. Hamilton neither offers immunity nor protection from the law. The College nevertheless does not gather information of campus drug traffic for use by legal authorities.

April 14, 1978
26 YEARS AGO

William F. Buckley visits campus

When William Buckley stands on a podium and delivers a speach, he tends to rise up on his tiptoes, his black shoes straining, as if to lift his eloquent intonations even further above the heads of his listeners. So it was on Wednesday night when Buckley, Root-Jessup's final speaker for this year, delivered a forty-five minute speach in the Alumni Gym entitled, "The Principles of American Freedom." Although hampered by a less than adequate sound system and his own matter-of-fact speaking manner, Buckley effectively advanced his views on capitalism, socialized medicine, repression in China and the Soviet Union, and human freedom in general, too.

Buckley is a master of the political antedote and opened his talk with several choice selections. "I recently reminded a friend who campaigned for Lyndon Johnson of the day Johnson had Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in the Oval Office as his guests. At one point Johnson leaned back in his chair and said, 'Between the three of us, we've probably screwed the majority of the American people.'

He repeated Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater's remark made after Hubert Humphrey had spent nine hours in the Kremlin wi th then-Soviet Communist Party Leader Nikita Kruschev: "It was the closest America had ever come to massive retaliation."

Jamie Volker '05 chosen as recipient of prestigious Beinecke Scholarship

Will pursue graduate studies in Classical Languages

by Sarah Gould '05
FEATURES EDITOR

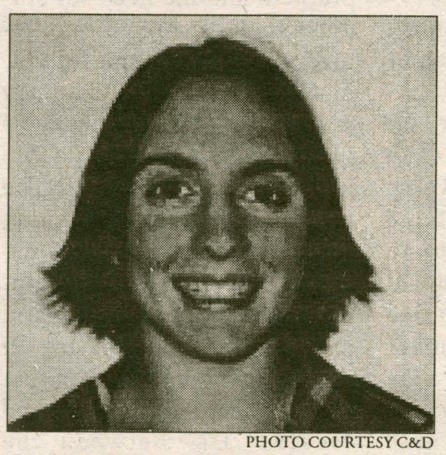
It was announced last week that Jamie Volker, a Hamilton junior and Classics major, was selected as one of eighteen nation-wide recipients of the distinguished Beinecke Scholarship. The award provides its recipients with the finances to pursue graduate studies in the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

A major in the Classics Department, Volker has focused her studies on Classical Languages. She is studying at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Italy for the entirety of the spring semester.

Volker is considering a host of the country's best graduate schools. "I'm currently looking at schools such as Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Washington, Duke, and possibly Brown," she explained. The bulk of the money - amounting to approximately $30,000 - awarded to Volker will go directly to subsidizing her graduate study. She will receive an additional $2,000 after graduation to cover the extra expenses of application fees, visits to graduate schools, and the actual process of moving.

Referring to this additional $2,000, Volker jokes that a friend suggested that she "should use the money for a road trip to Las Vegas. But knowing my luck, I would surely turn $2,000 into $20."

The Classics Department at Hamilton has produced two prior recipients of the Beinecke Scholarship since 1999. The program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Jamie Volker '05.

itself operates on a national level, this year awarding scholarships to eighteen highly motivated students. The goal of the program is to encourage select students to pursue post-graduate avenues of study. The financial subsidies enable students to be courageous in their academic paths.

The history of the award began in 1971 - nearly thirty-five years ago - when the Board of Directors at the Sperry and Hutchinson Company established the substantial scholarship in honor of Edwin, Frederick, and Walter Beinecke. Leading the company through the first three-quarters of the twentieth century, the brothers helped grow Sperry and Hutchinson into a massive enterprise, with revenues that surpassed $350 million in 1970. In the thirty years since 1975, 335 college and university juniors from 94 different schools have been selected to receive scholarship support for their graduate studies. The endowment created by the Board of Directors is dedicated to the advancement of those students chosen as award recipients.

Volker hails from Tonawanda, New York and is a graduate of Sweet Home High School. Her academic career at Hamilton can only be described as stellar: she has been awarded the Edward R. Fitch Prize Scholarship in Greek, the Winslow Prize Scholarship for Greek, the Terry Walker Scholarship from the Classical Association of the Empire State, and she is a consistent Dean's List student.

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Relationships at Hamilton: students & faculty

Sorry freshmen guys... Hamilton student researchers debunk "Curve Theory"

by Dan Bleeker '06
SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR

Like Bundy Feet, Wally, and the Walk of Shame, the "Curve Theory" is a Hamilton institution. Ask nearly anyone on campus, especially that pack of freshmen boys sitting alone at the diner on Saturday night, and they'll tell you that while first-year girls start out at the top of Hamilton's hook-up hierarchy and move steadily downward as they grow older, first-year guys start out at the very bottom and become more attractive with age. But, is the Curve Theory fact, or merely wishful fiction? Last semester four students, Dan Bleeker '06, Ann Horwitz '06, Caroline Beaudrias '06 and Lauren Fisher '05 decided to find out. Their results, compiled as part of a final project in Sociological Research Methods, shows that Hamilton's curve is a lot straighter than most students seem to believe.

Before the Curve Theory could be tested, however, the investigators had to settle on a definition of "hooking-up." "The articles that I've read about it say that 'hooking-up' can be anything from kissing to sexual intercourse," said Assistant Professor of Sociology Jennifer Irons. "But generally, hooking-up is described as something that isn't going to go beyond that one sexual event," Irons continued, "there is much less of an emotional commitment as compared to a relationship." Eventually, the investigators settled on two levels of hooking-up to study. Low level, including making out and heavy petting, and high, including everything else.

"We knew we could never get one standard definition of hooking-up from the Hamilton community," said Caroline Beaudrias '06, one of the study's authors. "By setting up this joint standard of sexual behavior, we figured we could paint the most accurate picture of how Hamilton students actually behave." After agreeing on their key definition, the researchers drew up a survey, including questions on hook-up intensity, frequency, class year, society membership, alcohol consumption and athletic involvement, and randomly distributed it to 200 Hamilton students. Within days, the responses began pouring in.

"We noticed right away that the Curve Theory was a myth," said Beaudrias. "Almost all of our senior respondents, both male and female, reported higher-frequency hook-ups than did our freshman respondents. Far from a curve, the graph of hook-ups at Hamilton most closely resembles a straight line. Males, however, do tend to hook-up more frequently than females, regardless of class year."

Also of interest to the researchers was the intensity of hook-ups reported by the respondents. Both genders showed an increase in hook-up intensity throughout their Hamilton careers, peaking in their junior years. 80% of male juniors reported having at least one high intensity hook-up during the previous year, while 86% of female juniors reported the same. Those numbers fall to 71% and 80%, respectively, for seniors.

"We don't know why juniors seem so particularly randy," said Ann Horwitz, another of the study's authors. "Perhaps it's because they're trying to fit as much leisure time as possible into the days before their senior year, when they'll be spending most of their time preparing for life after Hamilton. Maybe the class of 2005 is just a particularly rowdy group."

Greek society membership also played a major role in determining the frequency and intensity of hook-ups at Hamilton. 36% of Greek men reported a high frequency (fourteen or more hook-ups per year) compared to 20% of non-Greeks. For women, the difference was even greater. 40% of Greek women reported a high frequency of hook-ups in the previous year, as opposed to 7% of non-Greeks.

"The most obvious finding here is that being affiliated with a Greek society effects rates of hook-ups," said Beaudrias. "Non-Greeks are less likely to hook-up than Greeks, and even non-Greeks who do hook-up are less likely to have high frequency hook-ups than Greeks. This either says something about the type of person likely to join a Greek society, or about

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The controversy behind faculty-student relationships: how ethics, power and honor factor into romantic equations

by Jon Kuhl '06
FEATURES EDITOR

The notion of a student dating their professor, while often rumored about, is one of the more controversial topics of discussion at Hamilton. While opinions on this subject vary from person to person, the College itself does not currently have a policy regarding romantic relationships between students and faculty members.

Commenting on the fact that Hamilton does not have a specific policy, Dean of the Faculty David Paris stated, "situations like these are discussed on a case by case basis, if brought to our attention at all." While Dean Paris would not discuss specific cases, he did indicate that Hamilton College has had to address such relationships in the past.

While Hamilton does not explicitly state any regulations regarding relationships, the Hamilton College "Faculty Handbook" does address how professors are expected to treat their students. According to the handbook, "Hamilton College is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students and expects its faculty to promote an environment free of gender bias in the classroom, in grading; and in advising. Students must be permitted to learn without being constrained either by overt or covert differential treatment on the basis of gender, or by exposure to actions that demean or demoralize women or men."

As sophomore Paul Bleiberg '06 points out, "By dating his or her student, a professor is most likely going to reward that student academically, which is inherently unfair and dishonorable." If professors were to engage in a romantic relationship with their students, there is certainly a possibility that students would be given "differential treatment on the basis of gender."

Espousing similar sentiments, English Department Chair John O'Neill, states, "I think it would be a very bad idea for a professor to enter into a romantic relationship with any student she or he had any possibility of teaching or supervising. The power balance in the relationship is too uneven to be noncoercive."

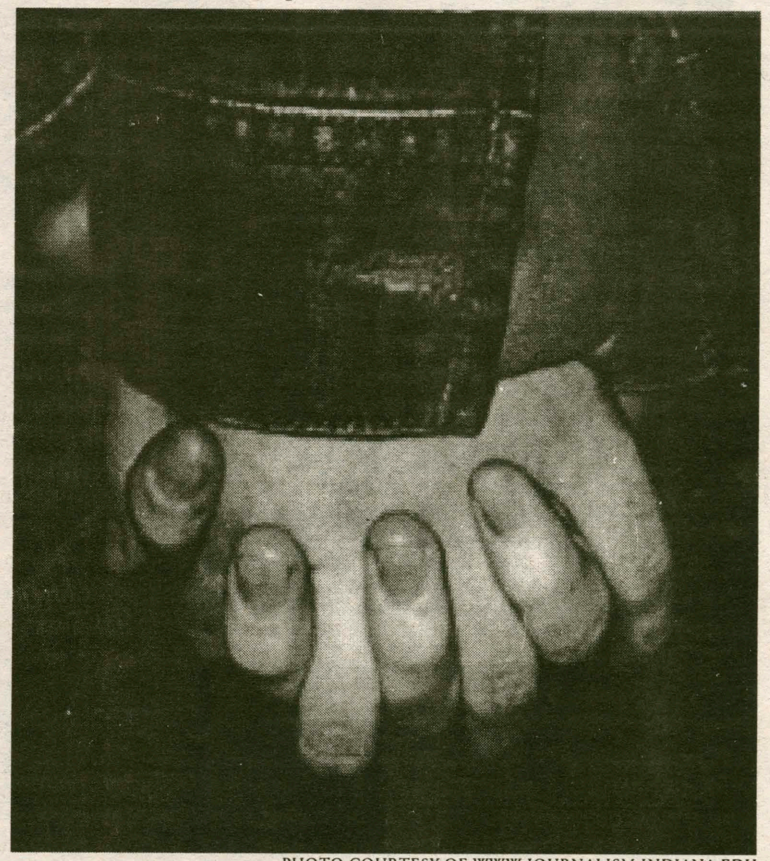
Representing somewhat of an opposing viewpoint, sophomore Lauren Gordon-Fahn '06, comments that "A respectful mutual relationship between two people, I feel, shouldn't be judged. Though I do feel relationships should not occur when a student is still being graded by a professor."

Beyond unethical grading practices, the issue of unequal positions of power in such a relationship has also been raised. Explaining her view on faculty/student relationships, History Department Professor Esther Kanipe expressed, "I recognize that not all such relationships will be alike, and that probably many couples from such relationships have gone on to marriage, family etc. However, in general and on principle, I have to observe that faculty are people in a position of authority and sometimes power over students."

Further exploring the balance of power in such relationships, Kanipe goes on to say, "It especially concerns me that, according to my impression, these relationships are more likely an older male faculty member and a younger female student. Given that men are already privileged by social mores, what happens when even more authority is added to the male figure?"

Turning to a broader perspective, other colleges and universities, unlike Hamilton, do specifically address the issue of faculty members dating students. According to the Associated Press, "At Ohio Northern University, the faculty handbook dictates that 'faculty and staff members should not have sexual relations with students to whom they are not married.'"

Furthermore, "At the University of Michigan, romantic relationships are not forbidden but are considered to be 'a basic violation of professional ethics and responsibility,' if the faculty member is responsible for the student's academic performance or professional future. Faculty members are required to tell a supervisor if they are having a relationship with a student."



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"It especially concerns me that, according to my impression, these relationships are more likely an older male faculty member and a younger female student. Given that men are already privileged by social mores, what happens when even more authority is added to the male figure?" -Professor Esther Kanipe

Curve Theory is a myth

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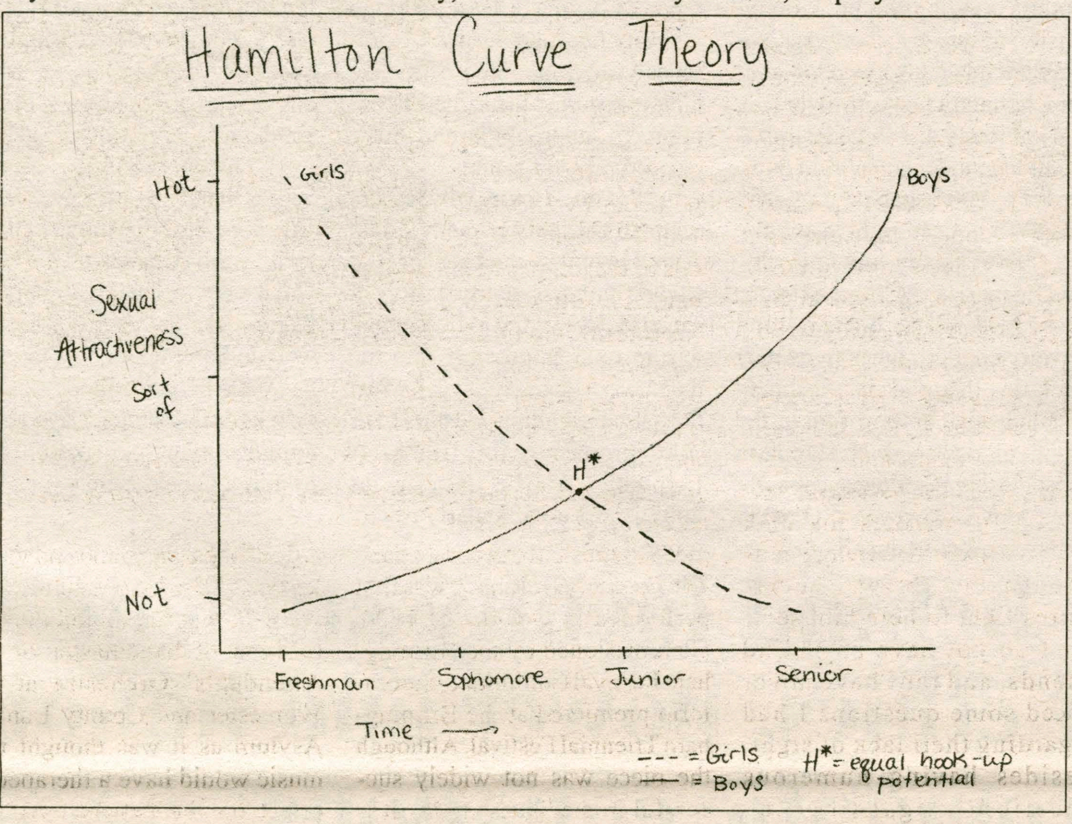
the effect of being in a society on a person's sexual life. With our data, we just can't tell."

Varsity sport membership, while not as significant as Greek life, also affects one's hook-up potential. In particular, men who play varsity sports are more than twice as likely to have high frequency hook-ups than their less athletic counterparts (50% to 20%). Female athletes, however, are mostly unaffected. 15% of both varsity and non-varsity females reported a high frequency of hook-ups in the past year.

"Overall, our data helped us conclude that the students most likely to hook-up with frequency are junior men who drink, play a varsity sport, and are in a fraternity," summarized Horwitz. "In other words, if George W. Bush had gone to Hamilton in his younger days, he probably would have been a pretty happy guy." According to the data collected by the study, the student least likely to hook-up on campus is an unaffiliated female varsity athlete who doesn't drink.

Ultimately, however, hook-up culture at Hamilton seems to thrive. "The majority of our respondents claim they've had at least one hook-up this semester," said Horwitz. "The Curve Theory appears to be nothing more than something we tell freshman guys to keep them in their place. The data shows that pretty much everybody is getting at least a little something for their $40,000 per year."



Hamilton's hook-up culture: the curve theory doesn't hold up anymore.

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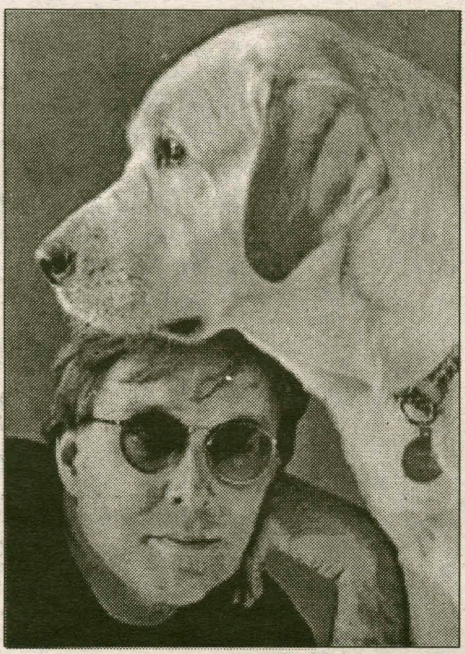
Arts & Entertainment

30 minutes with Steven Kuusisto

Fahmid Kabir '07 reviews writer's powerful lecture

Never having read or even heard of literary work by a visually impaired person, Stephen Kuusisto's reading on Thursday, April 8th at the Events Barn, was truly an enlightening experience. Even before hearing anything, I wondered how a blind author relates to a world he cannot see. The title of one of his memoirs *The Art of Listening* is no surprise when one considers the remaining senses in Kuusisto's service. At first I thought the portrayal of his experiences through sounds would have taken a more lucid focus. However, one will notice that there really are not enough words in the English vocabulary (even though there are plenty) to describe sounds. Kusisto's works entailed numerous descriptions of images and it is apparent that his friends, family and especially the works of other authors gave him the vision for his writing. People may think that poetry is useless in today's world, but the mental imagery and vivid descriptions of sounds in poetry can contribute to the perception of people who may be deprived of one of any of the natural sensations. A considerable portion of Kusisto's work is, therefore, a secondhand account of the world.

Kuusisto's father had a lot to do with his development as a poet; Kuusisto repeatedly mentioned and even read a poem about him. Stephen Kuusisto's father was the president of a prestigious college who was a very well-read and erudite. He didn't allow Kuusisto to miss out on the magic and intrigue of novels and poetry, and must



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Author Steven Kuusisto taught students about life as a blind man.

have put great care and effort to impart the value of literature to his son. It was apparent from the presentation that he is lighthearted and likes to share jokes (When using his electrical reading device with headphones, he poked at how he looks like those bizarre UN reps; he also cracked up the audience by predicting when his seeing eye dog would start snoring during his speech). Neverthless humor does not show in his poetry and could have used it at times to add a funny outlook. I personally appreciate humor in literature and also believe that a person's poetry should somewhat reflect the person's personality. However, the element of humor is present in his memoirs.

He read a poem from his volume of poetry *Only Bread, Only Light* where he reflects on the hunger of the mind gives a deeper meaning to wheat, the element that satisfies this hunger. The poem displays his desire to study and learn more as it gives helps him discern the world better. Bread refers to the knowledge from poems and novels that nurture his mind, and "Light" is the vision that illuminates his dark world. Hence, it is through the "bread" he acquires light to help him see.

I do not have any blind friends, and thus have never asked some questions I had regarding their lack of sight. Besides having numerous questions regarding the blind's perception answered, I was also exposed to other facets of literature during the reading. The time with the impressive Mr. Kuusisto was an event which shouldn't have been missed by avid poetry fans.

Oratorio Society & Orchestra Perform Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*

The Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society and Orchestra will present Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* on Tuesday, April 27 at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts under the direction of G. Roberts Kolb. Guest soloists for this performance are David Parks, tenor; Beth Ray, mezzo-soprano; Jack Gardner, bass.

The Dream of Gerontius is an oratorio for mezzo-soprano, tenor, bass, full choir and orchestra, based on the poem by Cardinal John Newman which tells of the journey of a man's soul after death. "Gerontius" may be translated roughly as "old man." Elgar was given a copy of the poem in 1889 as a wedding present. After considering setting the piece to music for several years, *The Dream of Gerontius* was first performed in October of 1900. Commissioned by the Birmingham Festival Committee, the oratorio premiered at the Birmingham Triennial Festival. Although the piece was not widely successful immediately, today it is undoubtedly the most popular of all Elgar's choral works, and indeed among the most frequently performed of all his works.

Edward William Elgar was born in 1857 in the village of Lower Broadheath, near Worcester, England to William Elgar, a piano tuner and music dealer. Surrounded by the sheet music and instruments in his father's shop, Elgar became self-taught in all aspects of music. Elgar left school at the age of fifteen to work for a local solicitor, but after a year he decided to give up that post for a musical career. He

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Professor Kolb will lead Hamilton's orchestra in Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* symphony on Tuesday, April 27.

began by giving piano and violin lessons at the local schools, and in 1879, was appointed the odd position of bandmaster of the Attendants' Orchestra at the Worcester and County Lunatic Asylum as it was thought that music would have a therapeutic effect on the patients. At this time, Elgar began to compose works for the patients' dances. After a brief period of time in London, Elgar returned to Worcester where he spent the rest of his life writing various

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Students dance the night away

Lindsay Sorin '07 recaps the Kirkland Loft performance

On Thursday April 15, dance students had the opportunity to choreograph and perform their own original pieces for other Hamilton Students, staff and faculty. The Student Dance Alliance funded the fifteen-dance event as a showcase for Hamilton dancers and choreographers.

The first performance of the night was by Tropical Sol. Tropical Sol, the Latin-inspired dance club, performed a medley of Latin beats. The second performance, titled "Sacre," was choreographed by Beth Benton, and the dancers included Jackie Kook, Cecile Brosset, Beth Benton, Deanna Kulacz, Claire Terraillion, Reagan Sayles, Ashley Jaffee-Anechiarico, Maud Terraillion and TaDell Robinson. It was performed to Tan Dun's music called "Night Flight."

"Strength" was choreographed by Heather Koniz. Dancers Kathryn Dunkel, Kirstin Howard, Heather Koniz, Katherina Plumb and Heather Shapiro performed to Maxwell's song "This Woman's Work."

The next dance was a jazz piece to "Lawdy Miss Clawdy" by Larry Williams from the Pleasantville soundtrack. The piece was choreographed by Rachel Geringer-Dunn, who was accompanied by Jessica Macken to perform her original piece entitled "You Sure Look Good to Me."

Kirstin Howard choreographed the next performance, which she titled "Frozen Dream." Jane Fitzgerald, Samantha Ioia and Heather Shapiro danced to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

"I Ate Too Much Cheese" was a unique dance choreographed by Kathryn Dunkel. Several dancers, Christina Brewer, Kathryn Dunkel, Kirstin Howard, Heather Koniz, Katherina Plumb and Rachel Swartwout performed to the music "Old Blind Dogs."

The seventh piece in the Kirkland Loft Performance was put on by the Capoeira club. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian dance form that incorporates self-defense maneuvers.

After a short intermission, the performances resumed with "Quick and Easy," a piece choreographed and performed by Kirstin Howard and Jessica Macken. Laura Dick and Jennifer Kahn choreographed a ballet entitled "Love Story" after Beethoven's piece. Both Laura and Jennifer performed along with Megan Malone.

"If I Ain't Got You" was performed by Katherina Plumb, Jane Fitzgerald, Rachel Geringer-Dunn and choreographer Jessica Macken. Choreographer Kathryn Dunkel's piece was performed next. The piece, titled "Dusk," was to the music "Planxty" and performed by Kathryn Dunkel, Kirstin Howard and Heather Koniz.

Dancers Kathryn Dunkel, Heather Koniz, Jacqueline Kook, Jessica Macken, Katherina Plumb, Caitlin Rochford, Heather Shapiro and Rachel Swartwout performed Kirstin Howard's original piece, titled "Love and Toil." It was performed to the music "Hallelujah."

"NYC" was choreographed by Heather Koniz and performed by Christina Brewer, Valery Danilack, Rachel Geringer-Dunn, Jessica Macken, Cosmina Marin, Reagan Sayles and Lauren Wilson. The piece was performed to the music from the movie *Newsies*.

Valery Danilack choreographed a ballet to Faith Hill's "Cry." It was performed by herself, Laura Dick, Kirstin Howard, Ashley Jaffee-Anechiarico, Jennifer Kahn, Heather Koniz, Megan Malone, Reagan Sayles and Heather Shapiro.

The last piece was an improvisational piece performed by Heather Koniz, Kathryn Dunkel and Kirstin Howard. The music was provided by both Roberto Andrade and Phil Lombardo.

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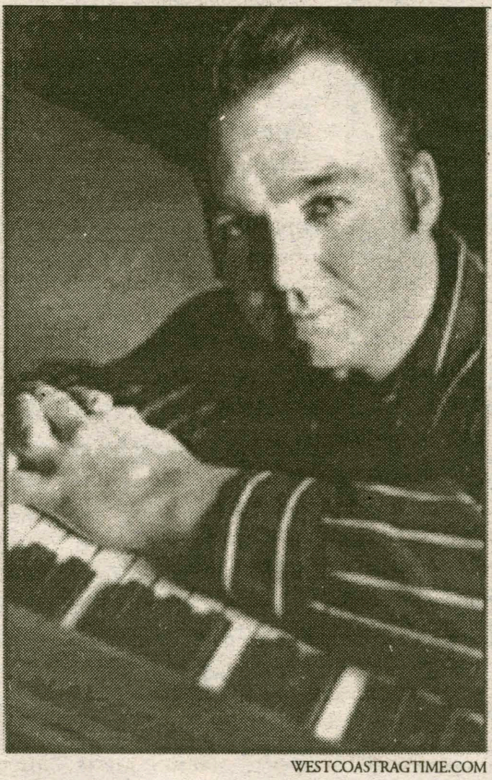
Boogie down with Carl Sonny Leyland's *The Boogie Woogie Man*

Music impresario Alex Taddei '06 reviews a fabulous record from the dusty shelves of WHCL

"I don't do this cause I have to, I don't do this just because I can. I do this 'cause I love it, they call me the Boogie Woogie Man." As one can clearly see from the liner notes of They Call Me The Boogie Woogie Man, Carl Sonny Leyland is one cool dude. Born and raised across the pond in the U.K., Leyland moved to New Orleans to become the greatest boogie woogie piano player in the world. Let me tell you, from what I heard on Boogie Woogie Man, he might have accomplished his goal.

The album opens with a jivin' instrumental track that really cooks. "Witches' Kitchen" not only displays Leyland's piano playing skills, but also his superb composition techniques. In fact, Leyland wrote the entire album except for a Cole Porter tune. This first track evokes images of one bad lady stewing up something wicked. The second track introduces us to Leyland's singing skills with a Randy Newmann sounding song called "Dollar In My Pocket." Surprisingly, his accent is as flat as Kansas. "8 To The Bar" incorporates some New Orleans influence with some slick sounds from a clarinets and bones. It's just a closer walk with thee in "8 To The Bar."

"The Black Swan" gives us a glimpse of Leyland's softer side. Here, the piano takes a back seat to the smooth sounds of Thomas L'Etienne on sax. Brushes on the drum kit brings a taste of smooth jazz to this impressive display of musical skill entitled They Call Me The Boogie Woogie Man. The following track, "Ask Any Millionare," reminds us that we're all just people, regardless of wealth. The same problems face us all. "Accept No Substitute" introduces another style on this album, boogie woogie doo wop. I know, it doesn't get much better than that. With it's basic 50's rock and roll bass line and harmonic progression, it reminds me of the good old days sitting at a counter eating a banana split.



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Carl Leyland is "the greatest boogie woogie piano player in the world."

"I Like It" tells a story of a young man diggin' some good boogie woogie and honky tonk. I can seriously identify with this juvenile's plight. Speaking of troubles, "Air Conditioner Blues" is a sad, "Thrill Is Gone"-like tale of a broken air conditioner. This song speaks to every man, woman, and child that has ever experienced unbearable heat due to a broken or inadequate air conditioner.

In the title track, "They Call Me The Boogie Woogie Man," Leyland puts all his skills on the table and jams like no other on the piano. Just when we think the album is coming to an end, he reminds us the party is just getting started. "Creep Crawly" combines the slippin' and slidin' bass line, crazy chords, and Afro-Latin drum work into one fabulous work. Just when you think the song is going out of control, the basic chord progression returns in full force and everything is nice and calm until the next venture into the boogie woogie unknown.

"Night and Day" is a nothing special rendition of a standard, which is refreshing. Throughout the album, Leyland takes the piano to the edge and back, and this track lets you know that he can play everything from the absurd to the standard. The album comes to a satisfying end with "Jam Boogie" where he does just that. The bass line goes while Leyland's right flies up and down the keyboard. It's a sweet, fulfilling end to a marvelous album. Put this one in the CD wallet.

Sam Kirkland Film Society explodes on campus

A Fish Called Wanda
Friday- 7 and 10 pm
Saturday 10pm and 12 am
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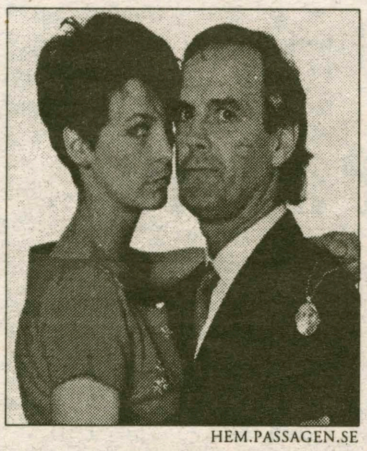
"A story of murder, lust, greed, revenge and sea food"- This movie has become a classic since it's release in 1988. Besides the aforementioned tagline, its also a story about four very eclectic characters who commit armed robbery together and then all the drama that unfolds as they double and triple cross each other for the loot.

Samuel Kirkland Films is now opening up the forum before its film showings on the weekends to students and student groups who are looking to publicize an event, incident or issue or students who would have creative pieces that they would like to have shown to a large audience. Short clips will be shown as people are entering KJ Aud before the start time of the movie. Although this is an option to all students and groups, please remember that submission air-time is related to the amount of responses. Please send all inquiries and submissions to: skfilms@hamilton.edu



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Woo your date as you watch *Love Actually* under the stars.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS: Outdoor Film Festival
Friday, April 30th, 9 pm

Mark your calendar. Next Friday, April 30th, Samuel Kirkland Films is going to be sponsoring its first ever "movie under the stars." Instead of the normal Friday night screenings, we will be showing *Love Actually*, the movie that is scheduled to play in the other time slots on Saturday and Sunday, on the quad outside of McEwen and Opus rather then in KJ Aud, weather permitting.

We will be hanging a large screen off of the Mcewen balcony and the quad will be cleared for people to come set up blankets and chairs. The start time for the movie is 9pm, although we will make minor adjustments due to darkness/light issues. We also hope to screen short student pieces in the time before *Love Actually* begins. There will be popcorn and other snacks to tide you over. Please come and help make this event successful. Bring a date, and enjoy this celebration of cinema, spring, and community: All are invited!

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2. *The Punisher*
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THE PUNISHER JOHN TRAVOLTA ●12:05●2:25▲4:50-7:20-9:50 DTS R
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ELLA ENCHANTED ●12:25●2:35▲4:40-6:40 PG
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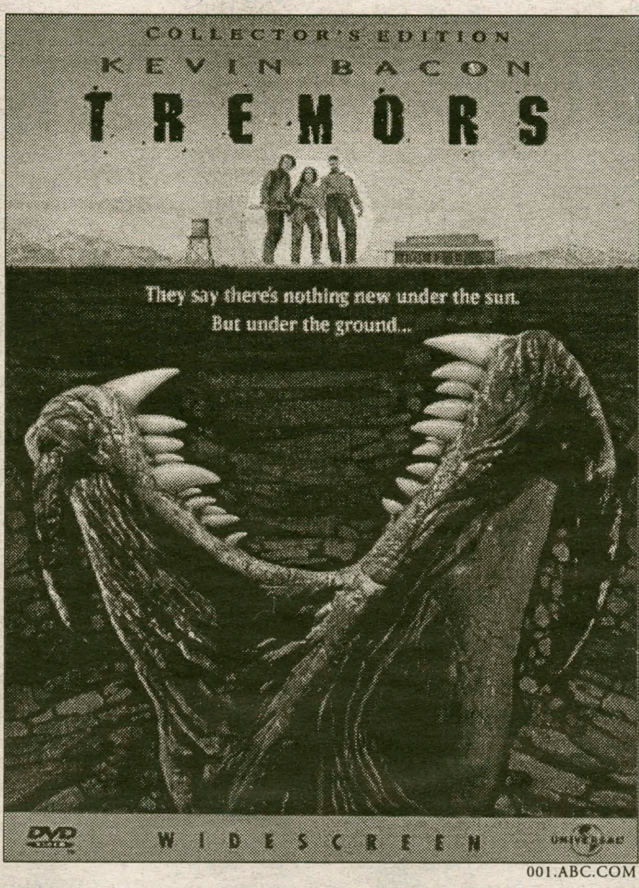
BADASS MOVIE REVIEW: *TREMORS*

Tim Mudie '05 tells how Kevin Bacon and mutant worms take badassity to new levels

If you've read this article before, you probably know a few things about me by now. Important things. Deep things. Things like this: I think that huge animals eating people is great cinema. And that is why I am reviewing *Tremors* today. I have to admit something, though. I haven't seen this movie in awhile. I was planning on watching it earlier this week but apparently this is the one week of the year that USA isn't showing *Tremors* thirty times. But, such is life. Besides, I've seen this movie enough times that its subterranean badassity has stayed with me for years.

For those of you who don't watch USA, *Tremors* is an extremely badass movie starring Kevin Bacon and Fred Ward and a bunch of giant worms. These giant worms are terrorizing the tiny town of Perfection, AZ, where Bacon and Ward are two odd-jobbers looking to do something big with their lives. However, before they can leave town, they are beset by a plague of giant worms, which are later named "graboids" in a fit of lameness. I mean, come on. These are giant, man-eating worms and they call them "graboids"? Someone should smack the screenwriter for that one. (P.S. Check out my sick alliteration on that last sentence).

Anyway, the graboids slowly make their appearance known as they pick off the townfolk one by one. And their method of doing this is more than excellent. Because, despite their goofy name, graboids are one of the most ass-kickingly cool monsters of all time. Just check this out: these are giant worms that have smaller giant worms inside their mouths. These mini-graboids latch on to people (or whatever the graboid is eating) and pull it into the bigger graboid. In the later movies (and there are currently rumors of a *Tremors 5*) it turns out that the graboids are actually living cocoons that hatch out smaller graboids that run around and eat people. Then there are flying ones in the third movie and God only knows what they can do in the fourth. I'm guessing that they shoot lasers out of their mouths or something. Frankly, I stopped watching after *Tremors 3*. But that's just because USA hasn't added *Tremors 4* to their lineup of quality films yet. Once it does... watch out.



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Giant Worms! Kevin Bacon! Reba McEntire! Who could ask for more?

I know I've said this before, but humor makes badass movies. And Kevin Bacon and Fred Ward are some pretty humorous guys. And they aren't the only ones. Anyone who has seen this movie knows that the vast, badass swathes of comedy come from none other than Mr. Michael Gross, who plays g-u-n-n-u-t, survivalist Burt Gummer. Gross later went on to star in such films as *Tremors 2*, *Tremors 3*, *Tremors 4* (playing his own great-grandfather) and the short-lived "*Tremors*: The Series." And no, I am not making any of this up. Talk about being type-cast. But he does it SO well! Who can forget the scene when a graboid pops into Gross's basement only to be met with a barrage of guns by Gross and his wife (played by Reba McEntire, who later went on to star in Dr. Pepper commercials).

But for all the humor and all of the family fun that *Tremors* offers (and it IS family fun; mine has watched this on Thanksgiving before), this is still incredibly badass. We're talking severed heads, squished graboids and all sorts of people-being-eaten-by-giant-worms style fun. What family doesn't enjoy that? So next time you see a *Tremors* marathon on USA (and they have them every so often), grab a big bowl of popcorn, call me up to let me know it's on and we can chill and watch the critically acclaimed (assuming that I am a critic), fun-for-all, giant-worm extravaganza that is the *Tremors* series. This has been "Badass Movie Reviews." Next week: *Little Women*.

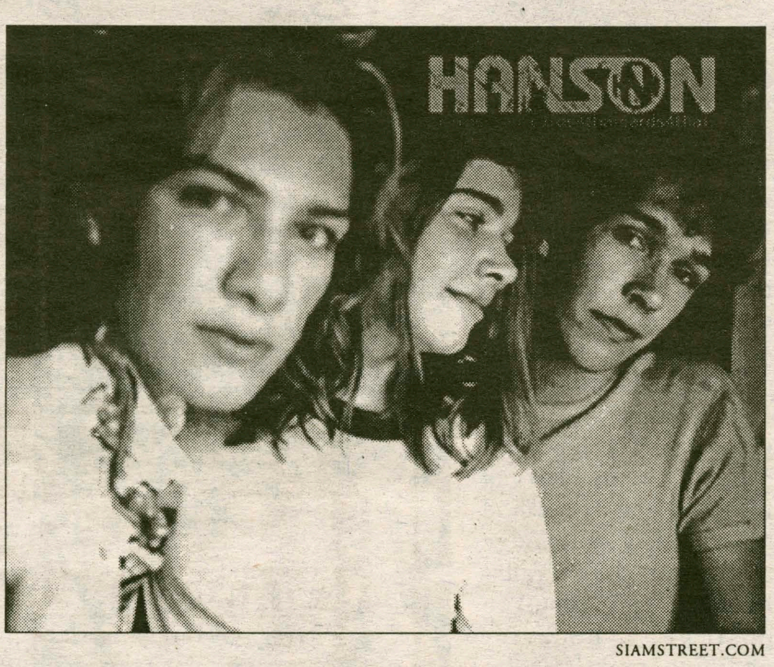
The sounds and songs of retail

Megan Semerod '06 tells how the best part of shopping is rocking to the tunes of Huey Lewis and Hanson!

As summer nears, the potential of landing a great internship exists. However, there's also the hope of finding a random retail job to earn a paycheck. If you have ever worked in retail and your job was anything like mine, you may be able to relate to the familiar feelings surrounding staring at the clock, gazing into the mall and willing a customer to come in, and hours spent listening to the store's soundtrack over and over (and over) again.

The joy of some chain stores' soundtrack is that it only changes every month. That's about 20 shifts of listening to the same three hours of music on repeat. As you begin to memorize the lyrics to songs you promised yourself you'd never listen to (you'd be amazed how Bath and Body Works likes to remix Hanson songs) you also develop a strange urge to listen to an array of upbeat songs in a certain order. One of the worst habits I developed over the Holidays occurred after listening repeatedly to the holiday carols that BB&W played. One CD had a slight skip and I found myself compensating for this defect by singing the note that was missing every time it came on.

Occasionally, there's a song on the tape (or CD, in more technologically advanced stores) that doesn't make you want to plug your ears when it's on. Sometimes you anxiously anticipate the song. You notice when it's five songs away, two songs away, and a strange sense of glee comes over you as you realize it is the next song to play. You even plan your trips into the back room so that you don't miss it. You try to avoid the occasional customer when it's on so that they don't interrupt the mantra that these five minutes represent amidst the chaos of chords and chorus that grate upon your nerves.



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For all you hardcore Hanson fans, the wait is over. Their new CD debuts this week. MMMbop!

Last summer, my favorite song was "Crusin," taken from *Duets* with Huey Lewis and Gwyneth Paltrow, and it later became my signature summer song. It played in the store, in the mall, in the grocery store and was even on in the diner the other night. It's one of the cheesiest songs (and movies) I've experienced, yet it's a comforting song. When I recognized the opening note, I momentarily forgot about the clock and found myself humming as I approached customers with a new sense of purpose.

The unsettling part of this association of music and the workplace mood is that I even began to tune out the reality of the Bath and Body Works realm - the chattering of the customers and trivial conflicts of my coworkers - and take on my retail tasks in time with the background music. Frightening. I competed with the track to finish a display or ring up a sale. When the song ended, I would come to my senses again. There is no question that retail work is boring, customers can be trying and coworkers are stressful. Yet, come May I will don my apron, pick up my red riding hood basket , and accompanied by Isaac, Taylor and Zac, I will saunter up to a customer and with perfect pitch ask them, "Can I pamper you?"

Great music!

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choral, symphonic pieces. By 1894, Elgar's career had taken off and he had "arrived" as a musician and composer. In July of that year, Elgar was knighted by King Edward VII. Elgar died of a malignant tumor in 1934.

The Hamilton College and Community Oratorio Society, founded in 1975, is an organization of approximately 120 singers and is open to any member of the community without audition. The Oratorio Society has dedicated itself to bringing together Hamilton students, faculty, staff and their families with members of the surrounding community from as far north as Old Forge and as far south as Sherburne to sing great choral masterworks accompanied by some of the finest orchestral musicians and vocal soloists in the area. G. Roberts Kolb has been the director of this group since 1981.

Tickets for this event are $6 adult, $4 senior and student, and free with a Hamilton College student ID. All seating is general admission. For reservations or for more information, call the Performing Arts ticket office at (315) 859-4331 and leave a message.

Physics Geek of the Week: Ben Jurkiewicz '06

by Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

This week's Geek was very enthusiastic to accept the offer to represent his major. This quiet, tall, shy gentleman has rather interesting answers that show a very affectionate side.

Name: Benjamin Jurkiewicz
Class Year: 2006
Major: Physics
Extracurricular activities: Basketball, DU
Aspirations after Hamilton: Columbia University baby
Favorite Force: Centripetal force because I love the Gravitron at the country fair.
Newton or Galileo? Galileo came before Newton.
Give an example of a time when you experienced weightlessness: Milbank Latenight.
Potential or kinetic energy? Kinetic energy cause it sounds cooler.
Preferred method of heat transfer: Osmosis
Which physics professor would you most like to be in twenty years and why? Professor Millet because he's simply the man.
What are your feelings on the laws of magnetism? I like how stuff sticks together.
Most creative science pick-up line: Wanna go back to my place and experiment?
Favorite physics theory: Gravity, it's the real deal.
Favorite type of wave: Easy, electromagnetic. Imagine the combination of electrical vibrations and the attractive forces of magnetism, purely physical science.
Favorite part of physics lab: The ladies.
Advice on doing well in physics: Let me be your tutor...
Best science fair project ever: The hovercraft, it won first place in my middle school science fair.

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Ben proves to be smarter than the average physics major. He applies the law of gravity to his b-ball game, as well as to his social interactions with the ladies.

Feeling hot... but not because of the weather!

by Katie Riposta '06
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Are you a person who perspires heavily after a game of tennis or when the weather is warm? You might be experiencing a condition known as Hyperhidrosis, more commonly known as excessive sweating.

Hyperhidrosis is both physically and emotionally debilitating. The disease often makes it difficult for individuals to function at work or in the home. A case in The New York Times indicated one mother was unable to hold her baby because her hands were extremely sweaty. Another woman with hyperhidrosis was only able to wear dark clothing made of specific fabric.

There are many reasons why hyperhidrosis ails millions of people today. In addition to the more obvious causes like strenuous activity, hot weather, or anxiety, strokes and autoimmune disorders are among the more serious inducers. Diagnosing hyperhidrosis starts with a health history and a physical exam. Most cases begin during childhood or adolescence. The person's sweat glands are usually normal, but the central nervous system responds to the sweat inducers listed above in an exaggerated manner. However, in some cases further testing may be required to detect more serious complications.

Treating excessive sweating is necessary, for the long-term effects are rather unpleasant. Antiperspirants, drugs, psychotherapy, surgery, and some other methods are applied, but the downfall to some is that they are either expensive or ineffective. Some popular antiperspirants include prescription strength formulas like Drysol, and iontophoresis (electrical current that blocks the sweat glands in the skin). Most treatments depend on the cause of hyperhidrosis. Regardless, fluid and salt must be ingested into the body at high levels.

In the event that excessive sweating is left untreated, dehydration and salt imbalances may result. The severity varies, and in extreme cases may result in a stroke. The best way to assess whether or not you do have a problem, is to see a physician for an evaluation. From there, the proper plan of treatment can be assessed. Remember, however, that sweating is healthy for the body to get rid of excess body heat. When sweat evaporates on the skin the body cools. If you're uncomfortable about your excessive levels of sweat because it's preventing you from functioning, or your health is being seriously affected, you must take the proper means to alleviate the effects of hyperhidrosis.

HIV related education among young adults

by Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

More recent studies are finding that teenagers are not fully aware of the risks associated with sexual activity. One study done in Georgia examined the opinions of sexually active teenagers and found that very few understand the risks involved. A relevant concern is that most of the infected teenagers, ages thirteen to nineteen, only discovered that they were HIV positive after routine physical exams. This appears to be an important issue because these teens are not receiving treatment until several months after initial infection.

Proponents for sexual education in high schools argue that it aids young people in making responsible decisions regarding their sexual health. It is also a parent's responsibility to model appropriate behavior and remain involved in their child's life. Studies have found that the discussion of contraception (condoms and birth control in particular) have multiple benefits, such as reducing the onset of sexual intercourse, the frequency of intercourse, the number of sexual partners, and reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies, STD, and HIV rates. However, a large number of students entering college each year have limited knowledge on sexual education, which leads to increased vulnerability.

College students are also naïve about the risks associated with unprotected sexual activity. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that one out of five hundred college students is infected with HIV. This rate is extremely high and dangerous, considering factors like peer pressure, lack of maturity, and alcohol and drug use, which greatly hinder functioning. All of these factors may result in the abandonment of safe sex techniques and participating in otherwise unacceptable behavior. Besides these self-controllable actions, date rape is also a concern to college students, and may present a risk for infection.

Peer education programs have not only grown on college campuses, but have served as an effective method of spreading knowledge to prevent HIV transmission. They result in positive behavior changes and help to break down the stigmas associated with AIDS. "It reinforces the work we are doing... which is to provide really good, far-reaching information about risks of HIV in the adolescent population. [This is a] tremendous challenge, because adolescents a lot of times don't feel like they are at risk for anything," Richard Quartarone, spokesman for the Georgia Division of Public Health. Although many students have a general understanding about AIDS, many feel invulnerable to the disease as well as other sexually transmitted diseases. One example is that students rely on birth control for protection, disregarding the use of condoms. This portrays that college students are more fearful of pregnancy than of contracting a sexually transmitted disease or HIV.

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The number of teenagers affected by HIV continues to increase due to the lack of sexual education.

This weekend Hamilton is hosting the sixth annual AIDS Hike for Life. The money raised will go directly to support HIV-infected individuals, their partners, families and friends in the Mohawk Valley. The AIDS Hike is an important event at Hamilton because it raises AIDS awareness and encourages students to face the issue. It is not too late to participate, even if it's by supporting your friends who are walking. Registration is at ten o'clock Sunday April 25, so organize a team and help fight against this devastating disease.

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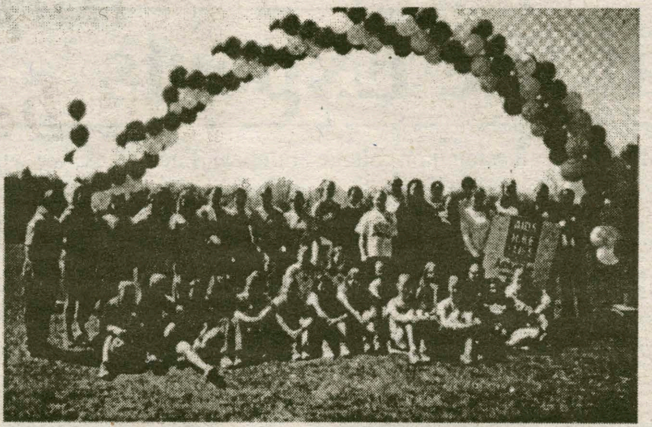

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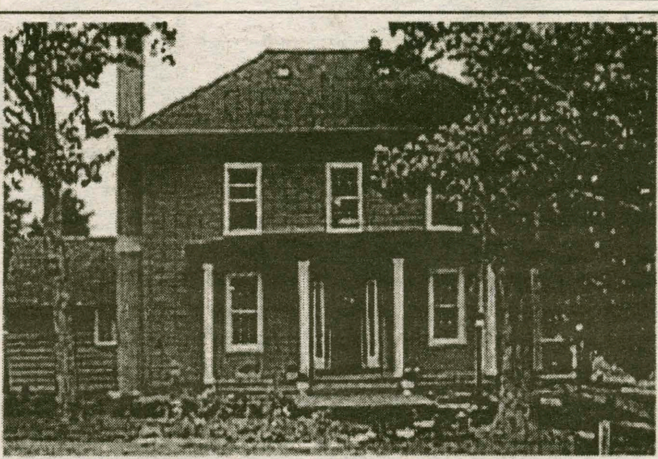

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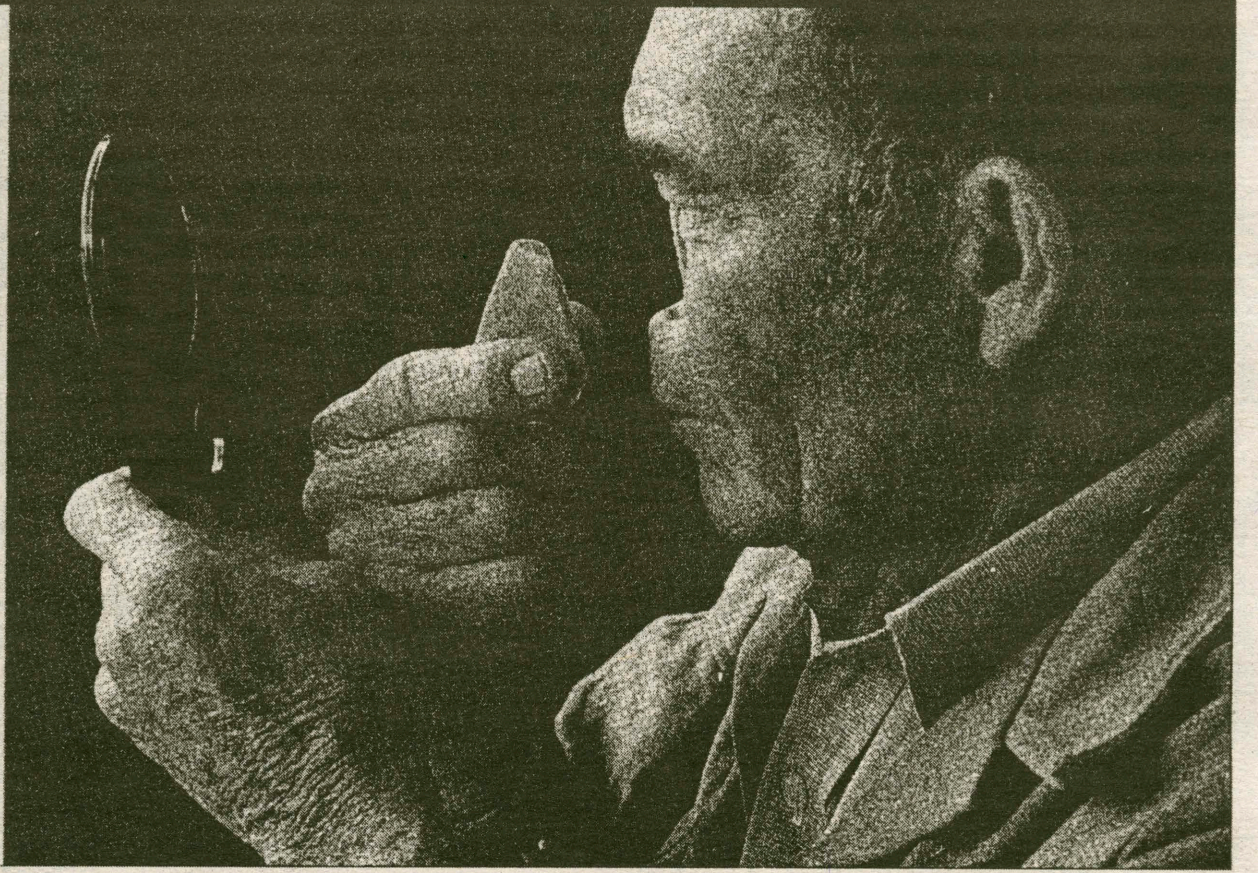

Beat the Experts

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Season Record:	**39-30**	**41-28**	**48-21**	**47-22**	**40-29**
NBA					
Game 3: Indiana @ Boston 4/23	Celts	Pacers	Pacers	Celts	Celts
Game 3: L.A. Lakers @ Houston 4/23	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Game 3: Detroit @ Milwaukee 4/24	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit
Game 3: Sacramento @ Dallas 4/24	Dallas	Kings	Dallas	Kings	Kings
Game 3: Minnesota @ Denver 4/24	T'wolves	T'wolves	T'wolves	T'wolves	T'wolves
NHL					
Game 1: Montreal @ Tampa Bay 4/23	Tampa	Tampa	Tampa	Montreal	Tampa
Game 2: Colorado @ San Jose 4/24	San Jose	Colorado	Colorado	San Jose	San Jose
Game 2: Toronto @ Philadelphia 4/25	Leafs	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly
MLB					
Atlanta @ Florida 4/25	Florida	Braves	Florida	Florida	Florida
Oakland @ N.Y. Yankees 4/27	Yanks	A's	Yanks	Yanks	A's

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Buffalo chicken tenders $5.00
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24 $8.75
36 $12.50
48 $16.25
60 $20.00
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Half $4.50 Whole $6.50
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Men's Lacrosse
(3-2, 7-4)

Women's Lacrosse
(4-2, 8-3)

Baseball
(3-6, 7-17)

Softball
(0-6, 5-16)

Men's Tennis
(8-8)

Will another Manning be the first pick?

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS WRITER

Editor's Note: With the NFL Draft on Saturday, Mike Proia predicts the first round.

1. Eli Manning, QB, Mississippi – New York Giants (via San Diego Chargers): Manning will be the top pick Saturday. The big question is, how much will New York give up? The Chargers like NC State QB Phillip Rivers just as much as Eli, so if they can get a few picks for this top pick, look for them to deal down. Meanwhile, the Giants now have a big name QB in a big media market.

2. Robert Gallery, OT, Iowa – Oakland Raiders: Gallery is the surest thing in this year's draft. The young man with outstanding size has superb footwork and quick hands, and could be the number one pick if someone with a quarterback had the top pick. Gallery's name will be mentioned with Orlando Pace and Chris Samuels as a top pick turned perennial All-Pro.

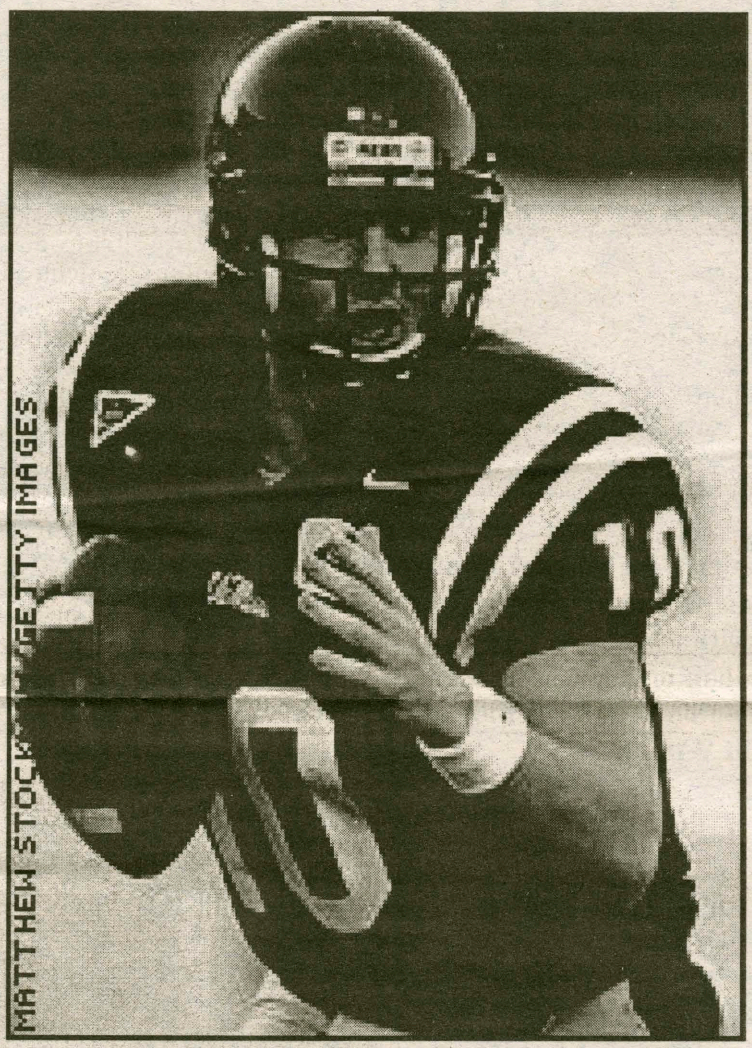
3. Larry Fitzgerald, WR, Pittsburgh – Arizona Cardinals: Fitzgerald can stay in the draft despite coming out as a sophomore because of his post-graduate year following high school graduation. He also spent his youth working as a ball boy on the sidelines of the Minnesota Vikings, where Cardinals coach Dennis Green worked with Randy Moss and Chris Carter. It's a perfect fit.

4. Phillip Rivers, QB, North Carolina St. – San Diego Chargers (from NYG): Some compare Rivers to former Miami standout Bernie Kosar. The Chargers are sky high on Rivers despite his unorthodox throwing motion. No quarterback did more with less talent around him in the 2003 NCAA season.

5. Kellen Winslow, TE, Miami (FL) – Washington Redskins: Winslow's father played under Joe Gibbs in San Diego, and while Winslow's character may be in question, his skills are not. The Redskins will pick Winslow in hopes that his father and Gibbs can work together to control the emotional outbursts.

6. Ben Roethlisberger, QB, Miami (Ohio) – Pittsburgh Steelers (via Detroit Lions): The Steelers are ready to pass Tommy Maddux back on the depth chart, and Roethlisberger can step right in and play for this team with their strong receivers. The Lions are looking for a running back, and this is too high for Steven Jackson, so they'll deal down for some picks, helping their depth.

7. Sean Taylor, S, Miami (FL) – Cleveland Browns: Taylor is the best defensive player in the draft and is a steal at the seven spot. Don't forget that Butch Davis recruited Taylor to play at Miami. With size, speed, and a great passion for the game, he reminds many of Ronnie Lott. Taylor may be the first and only rookie pro-bowler in this year's draft.



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Eli Manning (above) appears to be following in his older brother Peyton's footsteps, as he is expected to be the overall Number 1 pick in Saturday's NFL

8. DeAngelo Hall, CB, Virginia Tech – Atlanta Falcons: Just what the doctor ordered for the NFL's worst defensive unit in 2003, Hall is an immediate impact corner. Hall has experience returning punts as well, and don't be surprised to see the young speedster in the backfield on punts in Atlanta.

9. Roy Williams, WR, Texas, - Jacksonville Jaguars: Ideally the Jaguars would find a defensive player, specifically a pass rusher, with this pick, but Williams dropping to nine is too good to pass up. Jags will snatch him and let Byron Leftwhich throw it up to the big man all season long. These two could be a marquee pair for years to come, in the mold of Manning and Harrison.

10. Dunta Robinson, CB, South Carolina – Houston Texans: The Texans would love to see Hall slide down to this spot, but if he doesn't they will pick up Robinson to boost their secondary. They may have to move some players around, but Robinson will start for this up and coming team.

11. Steven Jackson, RB, Oregon St. – Detroit Lions (from Pittsburgh): Jackson will be an every down player from the moment he steps into the NFL. He is head and shoulders above every other back in the draft, and will look good behind Joey Harrington and Charlie Rogers at wide out. The Lions cannot go much lower than this to pick him up, because the Cowboys and Bucs may be ready to move to get him.

12. Jonathan Vilma, LB, Miami (FL) – New York Jets: This may be a little high for Vilma, who is a little undersized, but he will fit nicely into Herm Edwards' defense. The athletic, speedy linebacker can cover sideline to sideline better than any linebacker in the draft.

13. Kenechi Udeze, DE, USC – Buffalo Bills: Udeze may have some injury problems, and if he does, the Bills will turn to Utica native Will Smith from Ohio State. Otherwise, Udeze can provide some needed pass rushing ability off the corner for the Bills. Buffalo may be in the market for a QB if any of the top three are still on the board, but don't count on them trading up.

14. Will Smith, DE, Ohio State – Chicago Bears: Lovie Smith gets his man in the middle of the first round, and gets the pass rusher he needs for his speed defense. Smith want to implement his small man defensive front in Chicago, and Smith is a key contributor right off the bat.

15. Vince Wilfork, DT, Miami (FL) – Tampa Bay Buccaneers: The Raiders did a little raiding this year when they lured Warren Sapp out of Tampa, so the Bucs will have to replace him, and no one fits better than Wilfork, who has dominated in his career at Miami.

16. Reggie Williams, WR, Washington – San Francisco 49ers: TO is out the door and Garcia needs someone to throw to, so Williams fits perfectly. He matches TO in height, so Garcia may not have that much of an adjustment to make.

17. Kevin Jones, RB, Virginia Tech – Denver Broncos (from Cincinnati): Clinton Portis is gone, but that won't stop Denver from having another thousand-yard rusher. If Quentin Griffin can't do it, Jones certainly can.

18. D.J. Williams, LB, Miami (FL) – New Orleans Saints: Williams may be every bit as good a pro as his teammate Vilma. He has better size, and comes off the outside to blitz QB's very well.

19: Tommie Harris, DT, Oklahoma – Minnesota Vikings: The Vikings would love to see D.J. Williams slip one more pick, but Harris becomes the best player left on the board and you can never have enough interior linemen.

20. Shawn Andrews, OT, Arkansas – Miami Dolphins: If the Phins think they can play for a championship with Jay Feidler or AJ Feely at QB, they better have some great protection. And Ricky Williams needs to improve from his 3.5 yards per carry last year.

21. Michael Clayton, WR, LSU – New England Patriots (from Baltimore): The Pats add some depth and size to a receiving core that was pretty small and banged up by the end of last season. Clayton won't jump ahead of Givens, Brown, or Branch, but those three and Clayton and Bethel Johnson may be the deepest crew in the league.

22. Chris Perry, RB, Michigan – Dallas Cowboys: Parcells won't pass on Perry at this spot. He may not be Curtis Martin, but he is deceptively quick for a guy who runs a 4.56 40-yard dash.

23. Marcus Tubbs, DT, Texas – Seattle Seahawks: The Seahawks tighten up their defensive line with a big man who stops the run and commands double teams in the middle of the field.

24. Chris Gamble, CB, Ohio St. - Cincinnati Bengals (from Denver): Delta O'Neal is a part time solution in Cincy, so they'll look for a young guy who can develop. Gamble has all the tools, but hasn't learned the position well enough yet.

25. Darnell Dockett, DT, Florida St. – Green Bay Packers: The Pack are down to one interior lineman now that Gilbert Brown has moved on, so they'll draft the best big man left on the board.

26. Rashaun Woods, WR, Oklahoma St. – St. Louis Rams: The greatest show on turf hasn't lost any receivers, but they may want to start grooming a young receiver to replace Isaac Bruce who is getting up there in years.

27. Antwan Odom, DE, Alabama – Tennessee Titans: Kearse's replacement on the defensive end, Odom will not put up the sacks Kearse did early in his career, but he's a starter.

28. Ahmad Carroll, CB, Arkansas – Philadelphia Eagles: The Eagles could use another wide receiver to go alongside Owens, but given the guys left on the board, they'll look to get younger on defense.

29. Karlos Dansby, LB, Auburn – Indianapolis Colts: Dungy loves to go for the defensive speed guys to play on his turf in Indy, so he won't mind adding a guy like Dansby at this point in the draft. Carroll and Dansby may flip flop, but it's unlikely.

30. Randy Starks, DT, Maryland – Kansas City Chiefs: The Chiefs were embarrassed a few times last year, letting opposing teams run all over them. Starks is at least a start to filling the gaping holes in the middle of a porous defense.

31. Justin Smiley, OG, Alabama – Carolina Panthers: The Panthers have drafted better linemen over the past 3 years than any other team, but it's a lot harder to do at the end of the draft than the start. Still, they get a solid backup in Smiley.

32. Vernon Carey, OG, Miami – New England Patriots: The Pats' offensive line doesn't have any marquee players this year, so they could always use an extra body.

Men's tennis looks forward to NESCAC's

Big win over Union ends season on a high note for Hamilton

by Mike Hayes '07
SPORTS WRITER

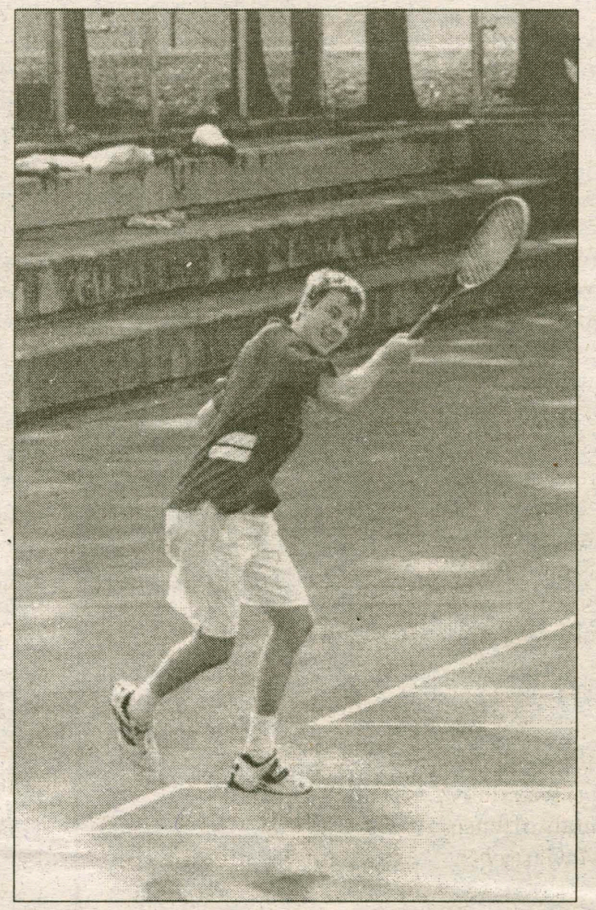
Erick Volp '04 and Prashant Sadarangani '04 ended their regular season tennis careers in fine fashion Wednesday with a huge victory on the road over the Union College Dutchmen. The Hamilton College tennis squad won the match with a 4-3 win, ending their season with an above .500 overall record at 8-7 and winning six of their last seven regular season matches. "It was a real big win for us" commented Head Coach Jamie King, "The match with Union was real exciting and to come out on top is just huge." Sadarangani played especially well for the Continentals' as he stepped up and took on a big role. "Prashant played real tough for us when things didn't seem to be going very well" said Coach King, "He played some good tennis for us today."

Along with Sadarangani, Erick Volp also won his singles and doubles matches for the Continentals, providing a strong sense of leadership along the way. "It's obvious our seniors came up huge at just the right time" said Coach King, "They've been there for this team all year long so it's only fitting for them to go out on such a strong note." The Volp victory was especially huge since he was forced into the sixth singles spot, a position he normally doesn't play. Volp, usually a doubles specialist, filled in very well, as he out-battled his Union opponent and cruised to a straight-set victory. In the end, however, the deciding match came down to the outstanding play of junior Brian Tilley. Tilley battled and eventually outlasted his Dutchmen opponent in a three set tie-breaker in the day's most exciting match at the fifth flight singles. Tilley eventually finished his opponent off with a 7-6 win. Coach King was impressed saying, "Brian was very aggressive today and held in there very strong for the entire team... I was very happy with his performance."

In doubles play, Duncan Cameron '05 teamed up with Volp to win the number one doubles match 9-8. Impressively, the duo battled back from being down 4-1 early on in the match only to come back to claim the hard-fought win. Cameron showed a lot of guts on Wednesday, playing the match with an injured shoulder, but the set-back didn't seem to faze him. "Duncan played with a pretty banged-upped shoulder and showed this entire team a lot of leadership, going out there playing through the pain" remarked Coach King, "He probably shouldn't have been playing, but he's a tough kid and wanted to give it a go." Sadarangani and Brad Polan '06, playing at third flight doubles, responded with an 8-1 lashing over their doubles opponents.

The Union victory leaves the men's squad looking toward the NESCAC Championships, which will be played over three days at Williams College, beginning Friday, April 23. Despite some momentum, the NESCAC's will be a huge challenge for the squad to say the least. The tournament figures to feature five tennis teams ranked nationally in the Division III Intercollegiate Tennis Association Rankings. "The NESCAC Championships are obviously something we look forward to as a team" commented Coach King, "Year in and year out it is a great challenge for us, but we are hoping to win a few matches and make our presence known."

Middlebury, along with Williams, figure to be the tournament favorites. Regardless of what happens at the NESCAC Championships, the Continental tennis squad has had a great year with some pretty impressive individual performances and has provided some encouraging signs for a successful future.



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The men's tennis squad finished its season on a high note this past Wednesday with a win at Union. The team is now looking ahead to the NESCAC Championships to be played this weekend at Williams.

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Baseball wins two of last three games

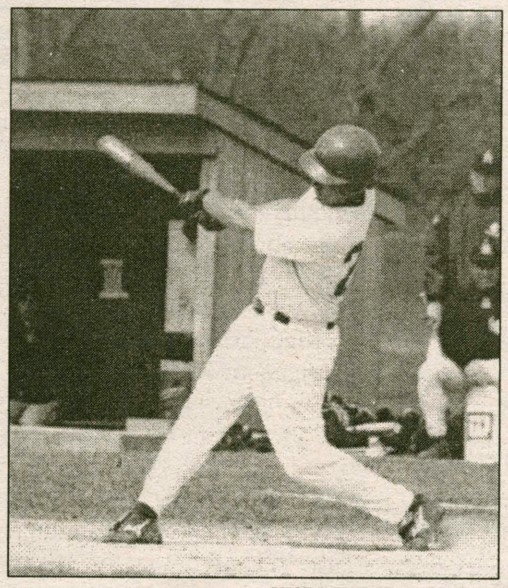
After beating Amherst and Utica, Hamilton suffers tough loss to St. Lawrence

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

This past week the baseball team came away with two more victories, bringing their win total to seven (three better than last year's season total). The team's improvement under the leadership of coach John Keady puts them in a competitive position for both this year and the future.

In their series against Amherst College this past weekend, the Continentals lost two but earned a split in their Saturday afternoon doubleheader. In their first game of the series, the Conts gave up fifteen runs in a 15-2 losing effort. Pat "Scary" McGarry '07, Anthony Bardero '07, Adam Lavallee '05, and James Nolan '07 collected the only four hits for Hamilton College in the game. The team also fell to Amherst in the first game of Saturday's double-header, getting shut out 6-0. In the loss, Matt Keogh '04 gave up five hits and three earned runs in four innings. Coming back strong in the second game of the day, the Continentals rallied in an extra-inning battle to come out on top of Amherst, 8-4. With the final four runs being driven in by fellow freshman James Nolan and Tom "Turbo" Tidgwell '07, the team won another important conference game. Leading hitters were co-captain Tom Bradley '04, who hit a homerun and drove in three runs, and McGarry, who came away with a double and a single and scored 3 runs. Chris Keen '06 got the win with 3 and 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

To continue their win streak, the baseball team beat Utica College 14-13 in a non-conference, cross-town match-up. In this game, it was definitely the Continentals offense that led the way. McGarry had



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Rob Bessette '05 takes a crack in the batter's box during a recent game. Bessette leads the team in RBI's this season with 16. Bessette will look to add to this total this weekend when the Continentals take on Wesleyan University.

another standout game, going 4-4 with 4 runs and one RBI. Following McGarry's lead, Rob Bessette '05 had three hits, and Tidgwell, Pat Suarez '07, Bradley, and Bardero each had three hits. And with his second homerun in two games, co-captain Bradley dramatically pushed Hamilton past Utica College 14-13 in the ninth inning.

Unfortunately, in their most recent action, the Continentals lost 21-5 at a tough St. Lawrence team in another non-conference game. Despite their early 5-2 lead, the Continentals could not match St. Lawrence's offensive production as starter John Porges '07 was tagged with the loss. Porges allowed four hits, five walks and six earned runs in three-plus innings. Offensive standouts were Rob Bessette and Justin Parker '06 who tallied two hits apiece. Also, McGarry showed the power the team has been waiting for with a triple. Despite these performances, the team committed seven errors and allowed 17 hits, which resulted in their 17th loss of the season.

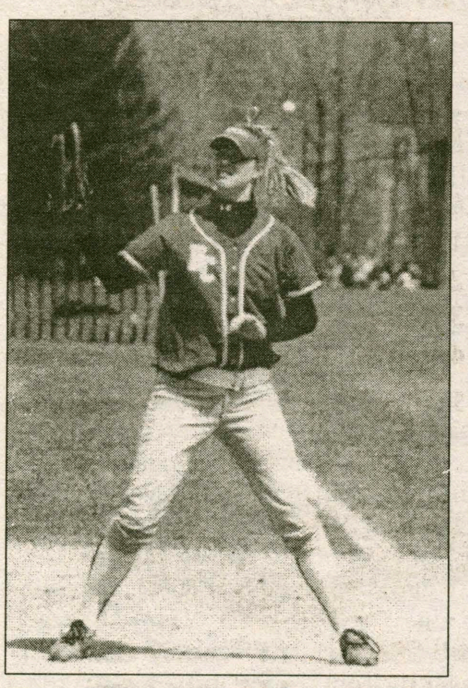
The Continentals look to rebound this weekend in a league series against the Wesleyan University Cardinals. The series will begin with a game on Friday at 4 P.M., followed by a double-header on Saturday starting at noon.

Softball drops two more games after losing to Amherst

The Lady Conts lose both games to the Saints in the seventh inning

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The softball team's woes continued this past Tuesday when they dropped two to St. Lawrence. Hamilton was coming off a tough weekend during which they lost both ends of a doubleheader against NESCAC opponent Amherst. Hamilton did not score a run in either game and was overpowered offensively and defensively by the Lord Jeffs. The winless weekend left Hamilton still winless in the NESCAC, dropping their league record to 0-6. The disappointing weekend did not take away the team's heart, and after traveling three hours to St. Lawrence the team did not seem slow at all after the long trip. Hamilton fought the Saints with all they had until the last out in both games and unfortunately last in the bottom of the seventh in both games. The heartbreaking defeats dropped the team's record to 5-16 on the year.



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Olivia Frost makes the catch.

In game one against Amherst, Hamilton came out flat and thanks to a dominate pitching performance by Miya Warner from Amherst, the Continentals were never able to get back in the game, which was stopped after six innings because of the eight run mercy rule. Warner held the Continentals to just three hits while striking out nine in the shutout. Amy Greenan '04, Tracy Zaino '06, and Krista Marran '04 recorded Hamilton's only hits in the contest. Game two was very similar for the Continentals. Both teams held each other scoreless for the first three innings, but a Hamilton letdown in the fourth allowed Amherst to plate three runs, and they never looked back, going on to win easily 5-0. Amy Greenan continued to swing the hot bat for the Continentals, who slapped six hit in the second game, two coming off the bat of Greenan. Colby Bishop '06 and Lindsay Eaton '05 also had two hits a piece in game two.

Similar to the Amherst games, St. Lawrence jumped out to an early lead in both games against Hamilton. The difference this time was that the Hamilton ladies brought their bats and never backed down. In both games, they fought back to tie the score and then were up one going into the bottom half of the seventh inning. St. Lawrence never stopped competing either and plated two runs in the bottom half of the final inning in both games to come away with two wins. In game one, Nicole DaFoe '04 and Lindsey Eaton each went one for two with an RBI. Sarah Fritchey '05 pitched all six innings for the Continentals, allowing only four hits and four runs, only two of which were earned. She did walk six batters, which came back to haunt her. In game two, Krista Marran had two hits in the contest to lead Hamilton offensively. Sarah Fritchey, Colby Bishop, and Lindsey Eaton all had a hit and an RBI.

The team wraps up their league season on Saturday when they travel to Middlebury, VT, to play two with the Panthers. The games are very important for the women who have yet to win a league game this season. The team is out of the playoff race and is now playing for pride. They finish up their season on Tuesday, April 28th at home when the team takes on Union College.

Men's lax holds youth clinic

by Mike Osborne '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's lacrosse team found some time this past Tuesday to host a clinic for the Clinton Youth Lacrosse Program. The clinic was held on the turf field Tuesday afternoon during the team's practice time. The team saw approximately 60 players show up to the field for the opportunity to spend some time with the players and in hopes of improving their skills and learning some new tools to use in their game. Clinton is in its 4th season of youth lacrosse and has about 125 players in the program. The clinic was set up by Coach Gene McCabe and Director of the Clinton Program, Kevin Martin. After watching the team run through some full-field drills, the youth players jumped right in next to the Continentals. The youth players got an opportunity to work on some drills related to their position and also learned some new plays that they will be able to use in their upcoming games. Each player was able to interact with the Continentals and each received individual attention.

Kevin Martin had the following to say about the excitement of his players and the clinic overall: "It was a great opportunity for our players to be exposed to a high level of coaching at an outstanding facility. The interaction with the players was great, and overall, it was a great experience for our kids. The kids keep haunting me about when they can go back."

While the Continentals have been working hard in their effort for a NCAA Tournament bid and a UCAA Championship, the team and McCabe found it necessary to take some time out of its busy practice schedule to give back to the community. McCabe said that, "Having young lacrosse players from the Clinton community here was a great experience for all who were involved. This was a great opportunity for us to give back to our local community and foster the relationship between the college and the residents of Clinton. The game of lacrosse is relatively new to the area, and it is great to see so many young people interested in the game. I think our players had as much fun as the kids."

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Men's lax beats rival Skidmore, 13-7

by Mike Osborne '05
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The men's lacrosse team continued its fine play of late this past weekend with another conference victory. The victory extended the team's winning streak to four games, and clinched a spot for the Continentals in the upcoming UCAA Play-offs. The Continentals defeated the Thoroughbreds of Skidmore College last Saturday by a score of 13-7.

Leading the way for the Continentals was junior attackman Jim Henry. Henry had a career day in scoring 5 goals and 3 assists. Henry is now in fourth place on the all-time list for career assists with 67. For his efforts, Henry was named the Co-Offensive Performer of the Week by the UCAA and the Upstate-New York Region Player of the Week by the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

Coach Gene McCabe had the following to say about his star attackman: "Jim Henry is one of the most underrated attackman in our conference. Every game he finds a way to help us win. He is the quarterback of our offense."

The Continentals' offense was also led by Dan Geiger '04 (3 goals, 1 assist), George Earle '05 (2 goals), and Clark Winter '07 (1 goal, 1 assist). Reed Coleman '04 and Jack Newton '06 also scored goals for the Continentals. Leland Candler '04, Scott Cohen '05, and Kevin St. John '06 contributed one assist apiece to the Hamilton offensive output.

Senior Eric Kaplan continued his fine play in net of late and made 12 saves to up his season record to 4-0.

With the win, the Continentals clinched a berth in the UCAA Play-offs, and will most likely play at RPI on Friday, April 7th. However, before the team starts preparing for the UCAAs, the team has two regular season games remaining, and both will be played here on the Hill. The team will take on Kenyon College on Saturday at 1 and then Union College next Wednesday at 5.

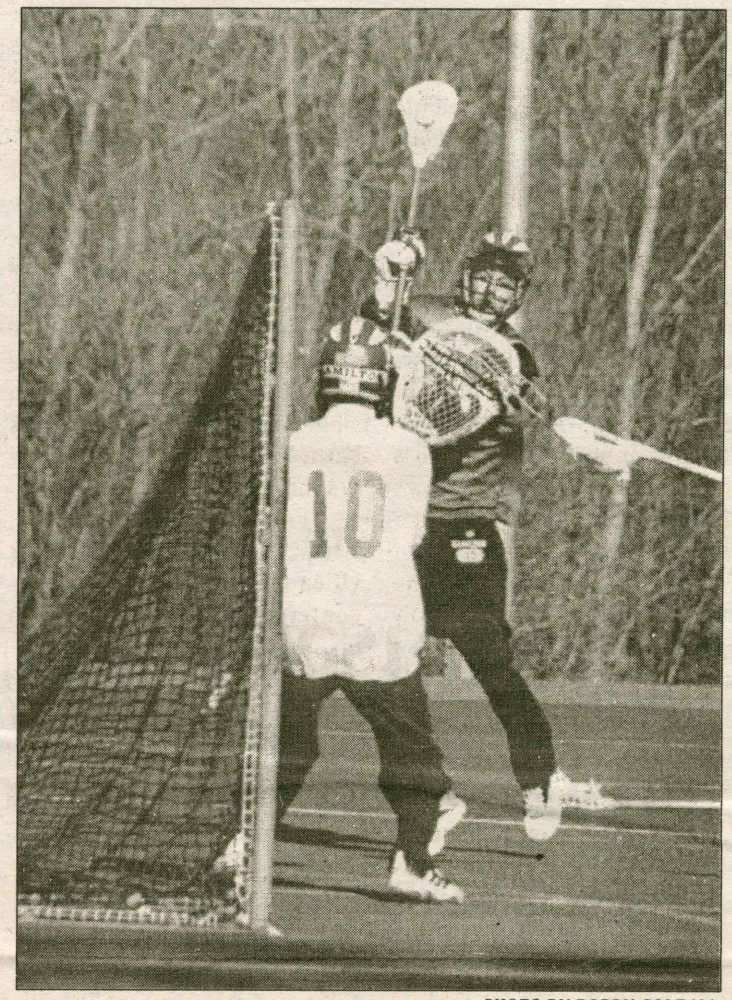
McCabe expects two tough games and said the following about them, "Both teams will come here believing they can win. I expect they will be well prepared and will play hard. Each team has some dangerous offensive threats we must respect. We will need to win the battle for possession and continue to improve our game."

With the regular season winding down and the play-offs on the horizon, the Continentals are looking to repeat last season's post-season success.

McCabe had the following to say about his team's recent play and its march into the playoffs: "I feel we are closer to reaching our potential. We have improved in each of the last four games and I think we are starting to hit stride. We want to peak at about the time our conference tournament starts."

The men's lacrosse team is peaking at the right time, and this Saturday marks their first home game in three weeks. The day will also be used to honor the team's senior class. The seniors include Dan Geiger, Rob Gifis, Andy Laskowski, Leland Candler, Eric Kaplan, Evan Teiger, Reed Coleman, and Jason Mleczko.

With high stakes and a day to honor a senior class who has given so much to this campus, let's all get down to the Turf Field on Saturday and support the team as it looks to win its fifth straight and to continue its strong surge into the UCAA Play-offs.



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Junior Amit Grover (10) looks to make a save at practice on Thursday. After senior Jason Mlesko went down with an injury, senior Eric Kaplan has stepped up and filled the hole nicely in net.

Women's lacrosse downs U. Rochester, 10-3

Anne Lucas's '06 four goal performance helps put Hamilton at 13th in the country

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College women's lacrosse team improves its record to 8-3 overall after defeating the University of Rochester on April 17. The Continentals comfortably defeated the Yellow Jackets 10-3 on their home turf. Hamilton's most recent win bumped them up a spot in the national ranking, from fourteenth to thirteenth. Anne Lucas '06 led the offensive charge with an impressive four-goal game.

Rochester's Cody Schraft scored the game's opening goal five minutes into the first half to give the Yellow Jackets the early lead, 0-1.

Hamilton answered however, putting in four goals within the next sixteen minutes. Daniel Levine '05 began the Continentals' scoring blitz, firing an unassisted score just a 1:52 seconds later. With the game tied 1-1, Lucas took control of the first half. She put in all four of her goals in the first half, numbers eleven, twelve, thirteen, and fourteen on the season for Lucas. She received help from her teammate Caitlin Jacobs '07, who set up Lucas on two of her goals. With only one other goal scored by Rochester during Lucas' offensive strike, the scoreboard read 5-2 at the end of the first half. Yellow Jackets' Rachel Hawley scored her twelfth goal of the season, helping to keep Rochester close. "We played wonderful team defense against Rochester," comments Head Coach, Patricia Kloidt. "They never had a good look at the cage due to the team effort of our defense."

Rochester's Hawley scored once again to begin the second half, this time to bring the game within two. Hawley tossed one past Hamilton goalie Kalley Greer just forty-one seconds into the second half, narrowing Hamilton's lead to only two. This was however, Rochester's last offensive break for the remainder of the game. Hamilton went on to score five unanswered goals throughout the second half. Hamilton's Suzie Belmont '07 scored the next two goals for the Continentals, her ninth and tenth of the season. Belmont's two unassisted goals increased the score in Hamilton's favor, 7-3. Christina Trabandt '05 put in her seventh goal of the season fourteen and a half minutes into the second half to bring the score up to 8-3. Liz Longley '07, the squad's freshman offensive powerhouse, also tallied a goal for the Continentals. Longley, the team's goal and point leader scored her eighteenth of the season to increase Hamilton's lead, 9-3. Topping off the Continentals' offensive drive was Amanda Hollis '05, who fired in an unassisted goal to give Hamilton a seven-goal edge.

When all was said and done, Hamilton found itself on top 10-3, partly because of Hamilton's sixteen-shot advantage for shots-on-goal. The University of Rochester also had twice as many turnovers as Hamilton, giving the ball up thirty times, as compared to Hamilton's fourteen.

Nadia Dovi '04 plays a huge role in the Continentals' defensive scheme. This Hamilton Co-captain leads by example. Dovi was recently recognized as the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association defensive player of the week. In the squad's two most recent games against William Smith and the University of Rochester, Dovi caused nine turnovers and field a total of thirteen ground balls, which were team highs in both categories. She leads the UCAA in caused turnovers, averaging 3.4 per game. Additionally, Dovi is third in the conference in fielding ground balls, averaging 4.2 per game.

Kloidt says, "I felt we played a complete game against Rochester and that is something we can build upon going into post-season. We need to play the full sixty-minutes against good teams and keep our defensive urgency about us."

The team has only three games remaining in the regular season. The Continentals are away today, April 23 against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. With only a few games remaining before post-season play begins, each game is crucial. "We have two conference games left which are always good battles.

Our last home game will be a big test as we face Ithaca," comments coach Kloidt on the remainder of the season. "Ithaca is the top team out of the Empire-8 conference and we are looking to avenge a 9-8 loss to them from last season." Look for the squad to bring home some big wins these next couple weeks, The Continentals could be unstoppable if they enter the playoffs with some momentum.